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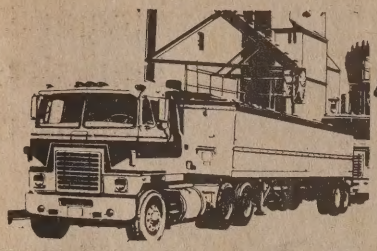

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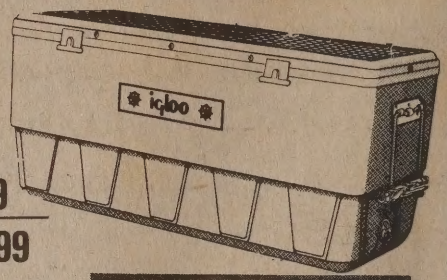

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The administration proposal is for a "federal license fee to sport fish in the ocean, with the receipts shared equally by the coastal states and the federal government." The fee would be a minimum of $10 per angler per year. The states would collect the fee and automatically turn over $5 to the federal government. The remainder may be used by the state for administering the program and for "fishery management." Information on the number of licenses sold by each state would be provided to the Department of Commerce. The license, no matter where purchased, would be honored in every state.

The administration reasons that because sport fishermen who fish in federal waters receive the benefit of using public resources which are managed by government agencies (NMFS, the Councils) at public expense, they are justified in asking these fishermen to "pay more of the costs" involved. The logic may be sound, but as naturalist Joseph Wood Krutch once said, "logic is the art of going wrong with confidence," and the administration proposal goes wrong in nearly every respect.

The money returned to the federal government from license sales will go into the federal treasury, and that money which stays in the state could, presumably, go into the state treasury. There is no stipulation that the revenues must, or even should, be dedicated to marine fisheries management, much less *recreational* fisheries. The predictable result is that this proposal would, in fact, hurt rather than help programs that benefit the fisheries. The administration is pushing very hard, as it has done each year since it assumed office, to slash the budget of the National Marine Fisheries Service substantially (see HARD TIMES...). With the new license fees going into the general fund, cuts in federal fisheries programs will not be offset at all by the new revenues, which will instead be applied to reducing the national debt. So rather than shifting some of the responsibility for funding fisheries programs from the general taxpayers to the resource users, as the administration claims it is doing, it is actually levying an extra tax on saltwater fishermen. Congressman Walter Jones (NC) of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee put it succinctly: "At a time when federal fisheries programs are being torn fin from fin, we will be hard pressed to make a case for further private support for fewer public programs."

The NCMC supports a marine recreational fishing license because of its potential for directly benefiting the saltwater angler, but it must be initiated and administered on the state level with all proceeds from license sales earmarked for state marine recreational and fisheries conservation projects *only*. The administration's proposal for a national license is totally unacceptable and should be resisted by sport fishermen, anglers' groups, and state fisheries agencies, as it undoubtedly will be.

SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE ADDRESSES SALTWATER LICENSING

The director of Economics of the Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) recently addressed approximately 175 anglers as the keynote speaker at the New York Sport Fishing Forum. Dr. David B. Rockland spoke about the SFI and its programs, and tackled the difficult topic of state licenses for saltwater anglers.

Dr. Rockland remarked: "The Sport Fishing Institute supports the licensing of marine recreational fishermen. We have weighed the many pros and cons and decided that carefully constructed and fair licensing can provide a source of funding for marine fisheries expansion. We ask anglers involved in this debate to ask the intelligent questions about licensing. These include: how much, how will it be available, how will it be spent, what voice will we have in overseeing how it is spent, what is the percent of the funds that will be used for administration, what guarantees are there that these funds will always be set aside for fisheries enhancement? We emphasize not getting caught up in emotion—in other words, ask the right questions."

"I'd like to tell you about two things I learned recently about licensing marine recreational anglers," Rockland continued, "The first was when I was in Florida recently working with the Florida Conservation Association trying to develop economic arguments supporting the designation of redfish as game fish. The problem we kept running into was 'no data'. The licensing plan for Florida provides for 10 percent of the

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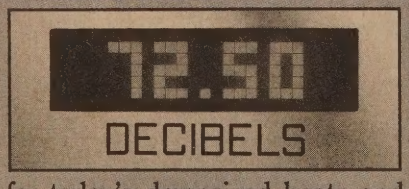

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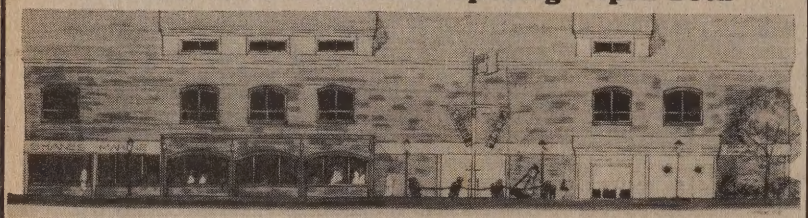

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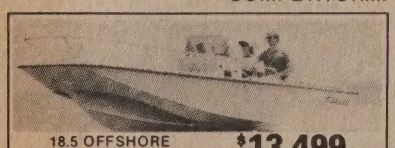

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funds to be used for data collection, including economic data. Having this data now, rather than possibly in several years, would make the allocation of redfish to recreational fishermen an easier goal to attain."

"The other thing I learned about licensing marine anglers," Rockland concluded, "was how Texas spends its license fees—artificial reefs, boating access, 26 new enforcement personnel to stop illegal netting, and immediate research to help assess the feasibility of raising hatchery fish to stock coastal waters. Preliminary data from Texas has shown that licensing has resulted in increased participation and better fishing."

Shortly after this address, the Federal Government proposed their license for marine anglers. The SFI does support licensing marine anglers where the goods are allocated to fisheries management and enhancement. The Federal license does not appear to explicitly have such provisions and, therefore, is not supportable as it is currently proposed.

The Sport Fishing Institute (SFI), founded in 1949, works to create more and better sport fishing opportunities through the application of fishery science. SFI is devoted to the protection, enhancement and wise use of America's freshwater and marine aquatic resources.

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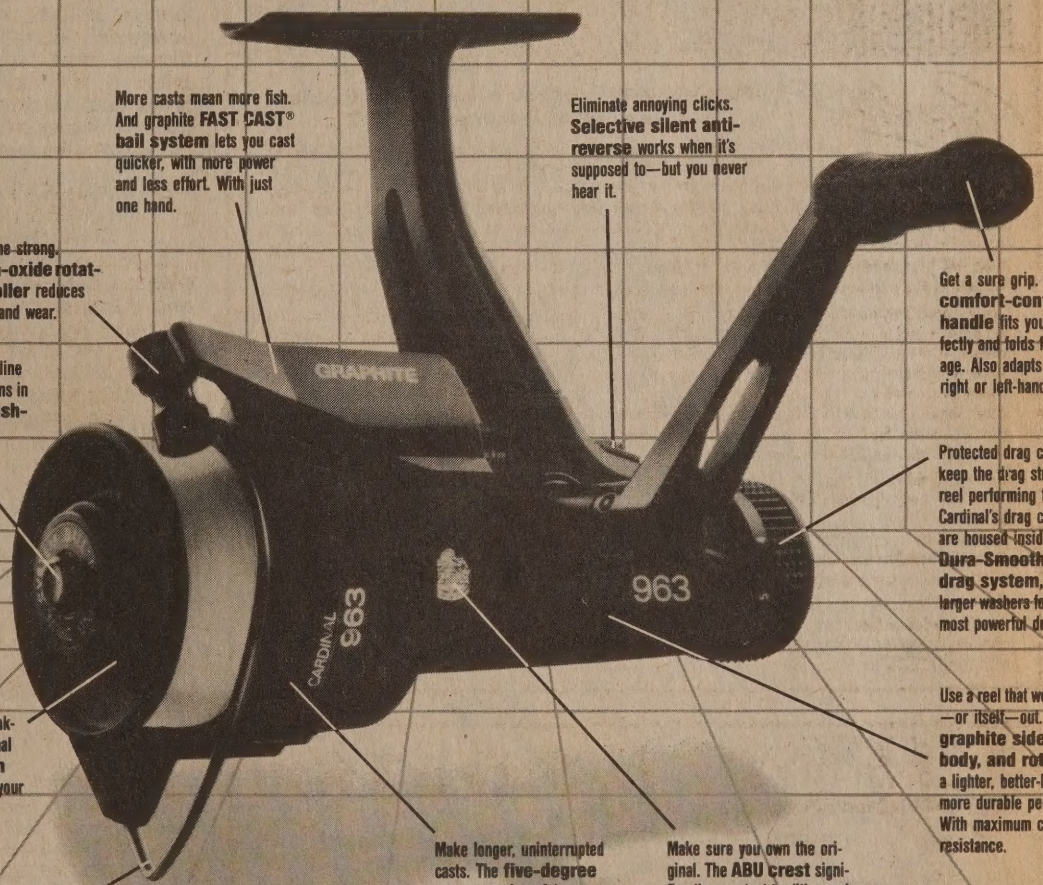

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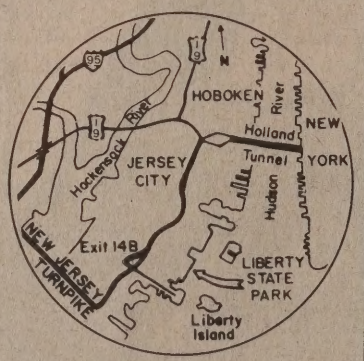

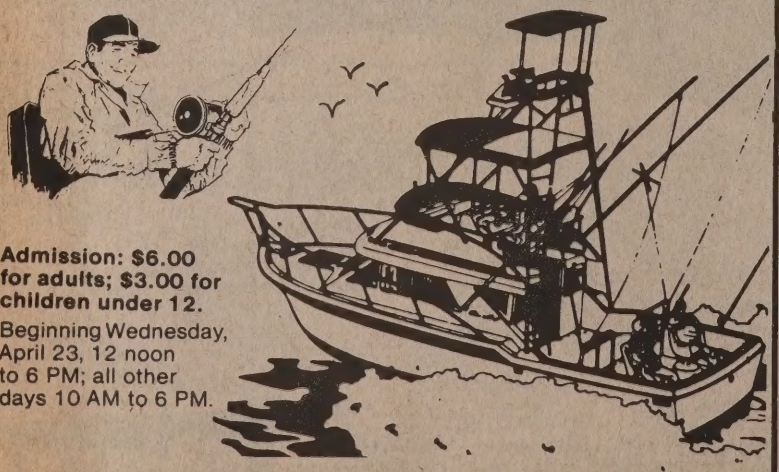

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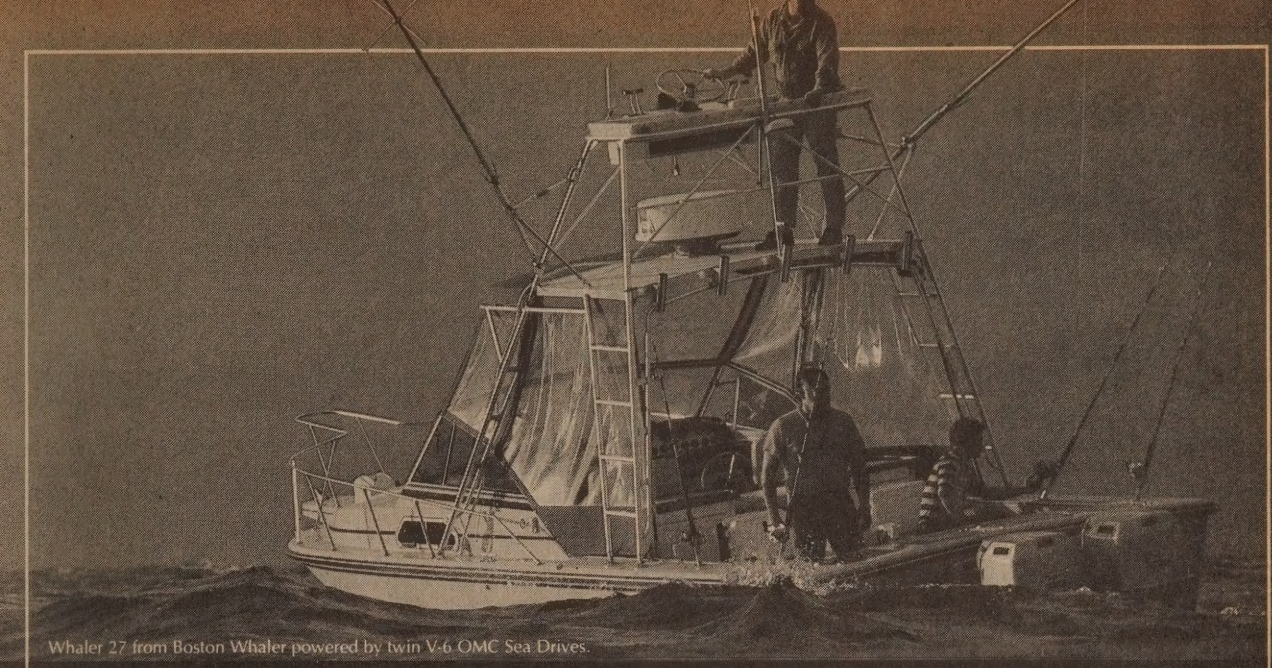

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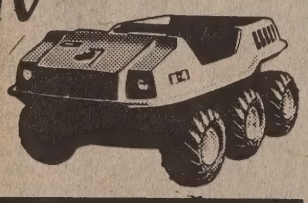

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WINNERS OF HUDSON RIVER STRIPED BASS TAG PROGRAM

The Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research (HRF) announced the winners of its second striped bass tagging program drawing held on February 25, 1986.

The winners of the two $1000 rewards were Larry Allen of Kingston, NY and Gary Persan of Montauk, NY. The $500 prizes were awarded to John Apuzzo, Southampton, NY and S. Gola of Long Beach, NJ. The five winners of the $100 rewards wEre Michael Corbisero of Sands Point, NY; Robert Dodd of Bayonne, NJ; Robert Dufresne of North Dartmouth, MA; Joseph Santoro of Port Chester, NY and Lazlo Szegedi of Fairfield, CT.

In addition to these prizes, all fishermen who returned HRF tags to the Foundation received rewards for the amount printed on their tag, either $5 or $10 per tag. The returns were derived from a tagging program designed to learn more about the population biology of Hudson River striped bass. All of the tags returned in 1985 were from the oriGinal 736 fish tagged in spring 1984.

Many more tagged striped bass will be available in 1986. As of March 4th, over 9,200 striped bass have been tagged in the lower Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers in an effort that began in November and is still continuing. Details on this year's program will be announced this spring.

The Hudson River Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which funds scientific, economic and public policy research on matters of environmental, ecological and public health concerns to the Hudson River and its tributaries.

OUTCAST ANGLERS ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE

The Outcast Anglers held its annual awards dinner on March 15th at the Milleridge Inn.

New officers for 1986 are as follows: President: Joel Zimmerman; Vice President: Lloyd Poulson; Recording Secretary: Art Mensing; Corresponding Secretary: Harold Katz; Treasurer: Hasan Zamel; and Tournament Chairperson: Richard Gibbons.

Members at Large: Victor Consiglio, Morris Berman, Richard Federoff and Norbet Freitag.

SUFFOLK ALLIANCE OF SPORTSMEN ANNUAL BANQUET

Due to popular demand, Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen (SASI) is holding their second annual Banquet and Dance, Friday, April 18th at the Shertaon-Smithtown.

Be sure to attend. There will be many door prizes, one night raffle, roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, and you can dance to the D-J music of your choice.

There will be a cash bar from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Come early and meet your friends; stay late and enjoy yourself.

The cost is $25 per person or $45 per couple. The reservation deadline is April 11th. Make checks payable to SASI and send them to: SASI Banquet Committee, 15 Kingdom Court, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779; (516) 588-6175.

FISHING RANKED SECOND IN ADULT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 1985

Swimming, fishing and bicycling were American adults' favorite sports and recreational activities in 1985, reports a recent Gallup Poll. For the 1985 Gallup Leisure Activities Audit, a representative national cross section of 1,528 adults, 18 and older, were asked which of 50 activities they had participated in during a recent 12-month period.

Fishing came in second, with 34 percent of adults participating. In the category "Men's Top Activities," fishing came in first (44 percent responding affirmatively that they had participated in fishing activities). In the Women's Top Activities, fishing came in fifth (24 percent participating). Anglers of all ages number some 60 million in the United States, supporting a complex industry infrastructure supplying $17 billion worth of goods and services each year to recreational

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SAFE BOATING COURSE IN BROOKLYN

Registration for a free course in Boating Skills and Seamanship will take place on Thursday, April 17th at 8PM at Flotilla 11-2 Headquarters Building #1 (Tower) located in Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York.

This is a complete and comprehensive course presented by professional instructors. It will include Boat Handling, Safety, Legal Requirements, Rules of the Road and Navigation. Books and materials will be available for a nominal fee.

For further information please contact: George Goodhartz, after 6PM at (718) 251-2472 or Thomas La Grutta after 6PM, at (718) 238-9187.

HARD TIMES FOR FEDERAL FISHERIES PROGRAMS

Federal ocean fisheries programs get no respect in the President's Fiscal Year 1987 budget plan, which would slash total funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by 40 percent. Congress, with Gramm-Rudman-Hollings hovering over it like a hungry vulture, will have a tough time rescuing the targeted funds as it has the last five years. And even as Capitol Hill prepared to wrestle with the new budget, GRH made its first automatic reductions in FY 1986 (current) spending on March 1st, taking 4.3 percent from the operating funds of NOAA.

Ocean and coastal programs would lose $39 million under the Administration budget proposal, a loss of almost one-third. Fisheries programs conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) would fare even worse; fisheries appropriations are slated to be cut from $159 million down to $97 million (minus $62 million or 39 percent). Program area cuts are as follows:

Information collection and analysis: $31 million. This includes sizable cuts in assessing and monitoring fisheries stocks, oceanography and survey technology, protected species biology, habitat research, stock enhancement and disease research, PCB contamination research, habitat resources evaluation, Chesapeake Bay resource assessments, gear entanglement studies, salmon enhancement, and others.

Conservation and management: $15 million. Hit hardest are the regional fishery management councils and habitat conservation activities, among others.

State and industry assistance programs: $16 million. Big losers here would be striped bass research, anadromous fisheries grants, and an

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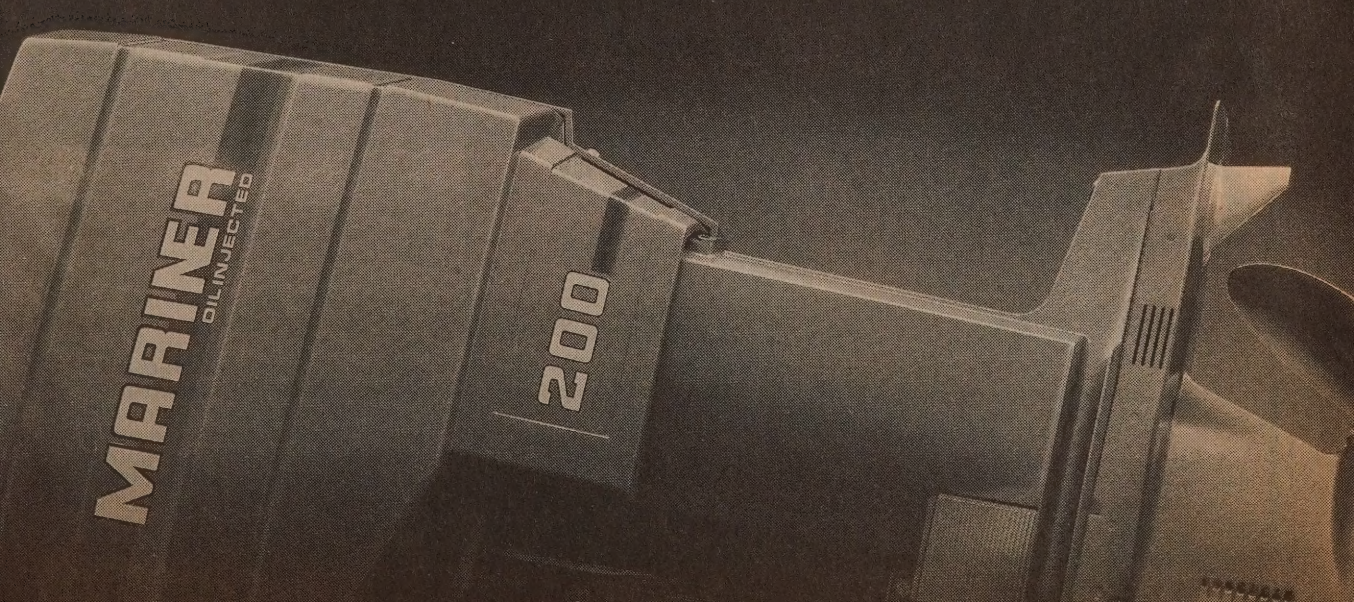

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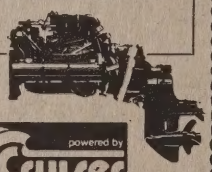

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assortment of other fisheries grants to states.

In addition, the Coastal Zone Management Program and the National Sea Grant College Program would be zero-funded, which is budgetspeak for eliminated.

All in all, the proposed cuts in fisheries and marine habitat programs would significantly erode the federal government's obligation to carry out its responsibilities regarding stewardship of the nation's ocean resources. "The research, management and conservation programs of NOAA/NMFS are, quite simply, an investment in the future of the nation's ocean fisheries," says NCMC president Chris Weld. "Cuts of the magnitude proposed by the Administration would seriously impede our ability to respond to the real needs of the fisheries we are trying to manage, and the needs of th fishermen and fishing industries that rely on them."

GATEWAY STRIPER CLUB ELECTS NEW SLATE

The Gateway Striper Club, a surf fishing club, wishes to announce the election of its officers for 1986:

President: Ron Turbin; Vice President: Chuck Nemser; Treasurer: Jack Mendler; Recording Sec'y: Jim McKay; Corresponding Sec'y: John Hanson; Recorder: Jim Kerrigan and Bill Spodak.

The club meets on the second Thursday of the month at Fort Tilden, Breezy Point, New York.

KUNNAN '86 CATALOG

Kunnan Tackle Company, San Diego-based designers and builders of highly sophisticated, field-proven fishing rods, has published its 1986 color catalog.

The 52-page catalog covers Kunnan's largest lineup yet: 137 different models for nearly any kind of fishing in fresh or salt water. Each and every one is backed by Kunnan's new limited lifetime warranty against defects in materials and workmanship.

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For saltwater, Kunnan is offering its new "Hot Rail' for strong marine game fish such as tuna, grouper and even billfish. This 5-rod series is based on an advanced graphite composite high-density blank that offers tremendous lifting power. Yet these are the lightest rods of their kind.

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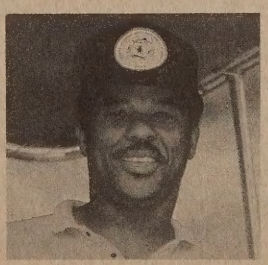

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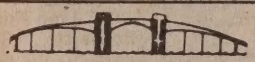

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The *Senator* rods have cushion foam for both butt and fore grips, with gimbal and lightweight reel seat. The series features a roller stripper and tiptop guide with chrome plated stainless steel guides in-between.

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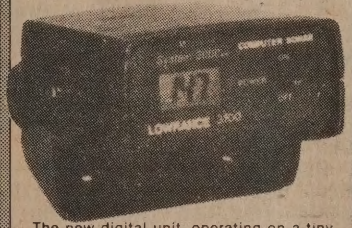

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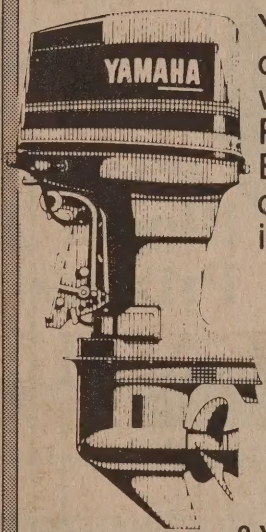

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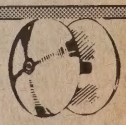

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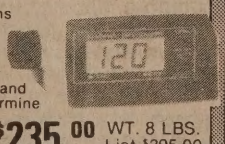

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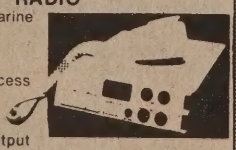

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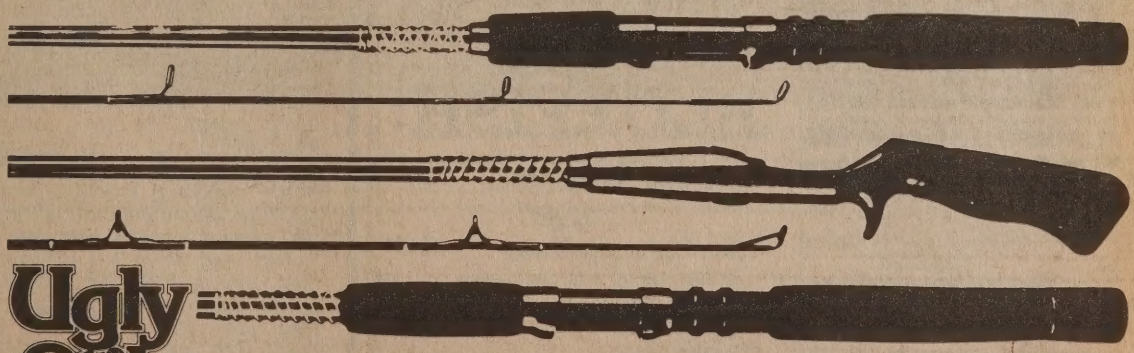

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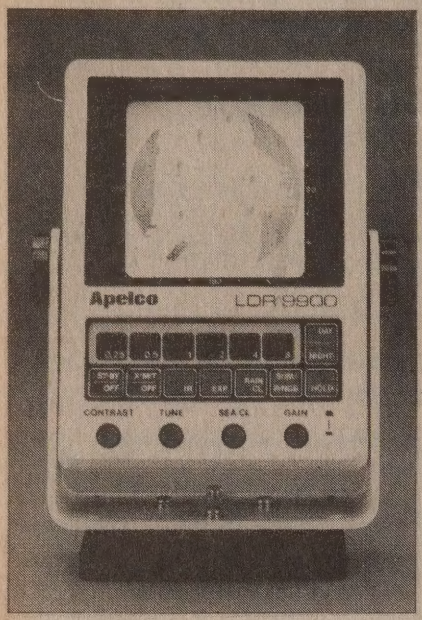

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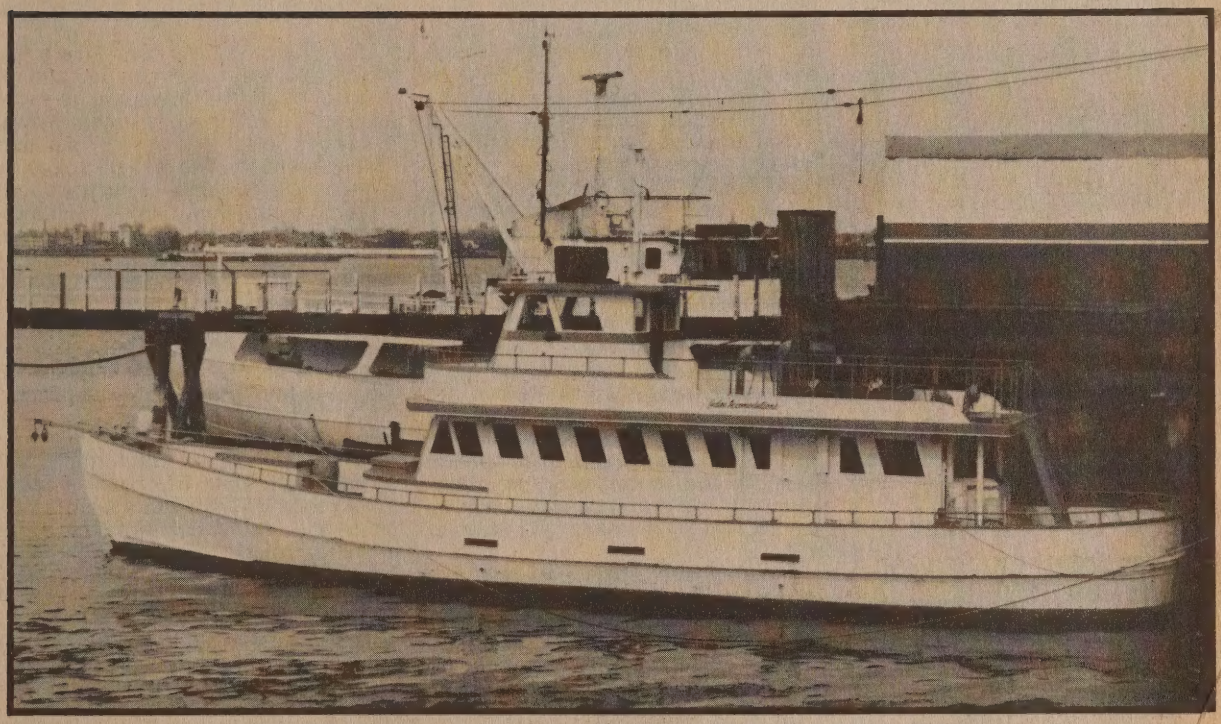

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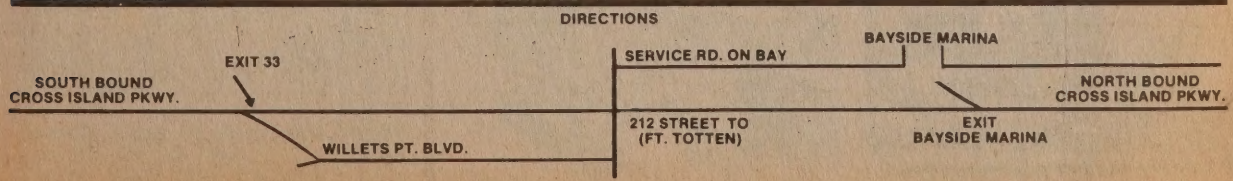

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by Pete Barrett

The design philosophy at Shamrock Marine pioneered a line of boats with a unique inboard drive system matched to high quality materials and construction methods. The result is a series of boats that are exceptionally seaworthy and built to take many years of hard fishing. Several models in the Shamrock line are tough enough to fulfill the requirements of the Coast Guard and are used as rescue boats.

The new 260 Cuddy Cabin and 260 Hardtop models are typical of the good fishing boats Shamrock is producing. Both models are virtually identical except for the addition of the fiberglass overhead enclosure on the hardtop model.

The semi vee hull rides the seas very well. My fishing day aboard a Shamrock saw typical 3 to 4 foot choppy seas and she handled them with ease. Rather than a hard ride, the low center of gravity plus the ideal weight distribution of the inboard 250 hp Pleasurecraft engine just pushed through the chop with no hard knocks. While drifting and bait fishing the 260 was rock steady with no snap rolls.

Running with a following sea back to the marina, the skeg keel, an integral part of every Shamrock, helped keep the 260 tracking straight with no feeling of broaching. The steering was effortless and true with no surprises. The keel is molded of fiberglass and helps protect the shaft and prop from underwater obstructions. I was surprised that maneuvering at dockside while backing into a slip was not at all difficult in spite of the skeg.

The Shamrock 260 combines a lot of features that fishermen demand in a good boat. The freeboard is high enough for safety while running long distances offshore or for smaller family members. The cockpit space is generous with plenty of walkaround room for anything from summer flounder to weakfish, blues and even tuna or sharks. There is excellent storage space and a huge fish box.

A low profile stainless grab rail borders the fore deck and the optional teak bow pulpit is a plus if you plan to anchor a lot. All deck hardware is stainless and a hatch provides ventilation for the cuddy cabin.

The cabin is adequate with a vee berth that would be comfortable for an overnight stay. The head is positioned to port. Teak doors secure the head and the cabin entrance. The decor is typical fisherman style with beige fabric that makes the cabin feel larger than it is and yet is easy to clean.

The helm area is done very simply with a lot of space available for moun-

ting electronics. Gauges and instruments are covered with a plexi panel to keep water away while not interfering with clear viewing. Throttle and shift controls are at a comfortable height and the wheel is stainless with a slight tilt. Power steering makes turning easy.

The engine box is located amidships and Shamrock has done a commendable job in making this otherwise "in the way" lump of fiberglass into something that is a fisherman's dream come true. There are built-in tackle drawers for storage and seats for the comfort of passengers. An optional tackle and bait rigging station adds even more to the fishing capability of the boat.

A huge fish box is molded into the deck in the cockpit area and another storage compartment is built into the deck between the helm and companion seat to hold life jackets, foul weather suits, and large fishing gear like flying gaff heads, chumming equipment, dock lines and tail ropes.

Rod storage is provided by teak holders mounted under the gun'ls and are large enough to handle 3 rods and reels up to 50W or 80 International size. Lighter tackle could be doubled up in the holders and additional rod holders can be mounted by the angler on the engine box. Flush mount rod holders, downriggers and outriggers are readily mounted on the wide surface area of the gun'ls.

Two engine options are available: a 250 hp Pleasurecraft gas or a 210 hp Cummins turbo diesel. The gas boat is rated at top speed of 32 knots and the diesel at 30 knots. The diesel with its inherently better fuel economy will use 7.5 gallons per hour at 25 knot cruise and less than 3 gallons per hour at trolling speeds and is capable of long range canyon runs.

Either of the 260s can be custom outfitted depending on the owner's desires and pocketbook. A 260 Cuddy I saw in Cape May, NJ was equipped with marlin tower, canvas enclosure, overhead electronics box and the tackle locker/bait rigging station over the engine. It looked sharp and the owner was busy cleaning yellowfin tuna so the boat was a fish catcher! Inshore anglers may not want all the custom stuff and the 260s are both excellent fishing skiffs just as they are.

Close inspection of the Shamrock gives the potential buyer a feeling of reassurance. If anything, the boats are "over built" with careful attention paid to every detail.

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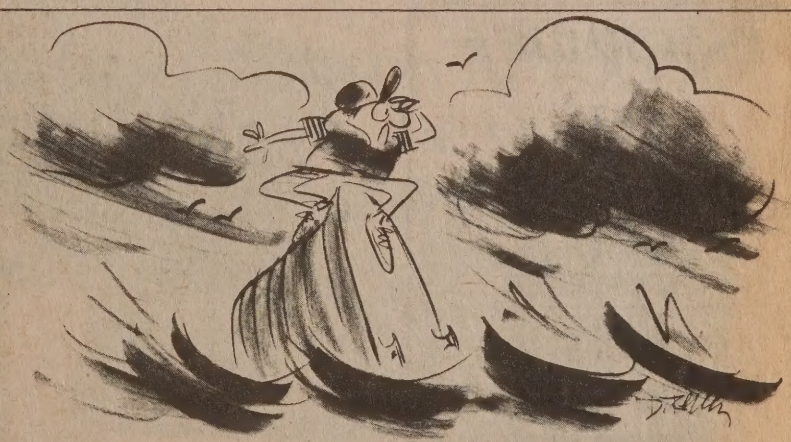

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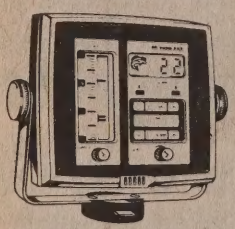

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by Fred Golofaro

If prowling the surf for blues, bass or weaks is your game, then you know full well the value of a surf bag. Tackle boxes serve no practical use on the beach other than to provide storage in a beach buggy. In fact, lugging a tackle box down the beach is a badge reserved for the pure novice. It doesn't usually take long for these unsuspecting newcomers to the sport to discover the shortcomings of a tackle box on the beach. The first time an incoming wave "wipes out" a box left open on the sand, will serve quick notice that there is a better way. Of course, in a sport where mobility is a prime concern, the advantages of a surf bag are obvious.

Despite the necessity of this vital tool to the surf crowd, there are not a lot of choices available. In fact, where to locate a good surf bag is a frequently asked question at our surf fishing workshops. Recently introduced to the market, is an improved upon version of a bag distributed by All Tackle Distributors in Deer Park, New York. This "new" bag actually con-

sists of two models.

The larger of the pair, is a two-row, ten compartment bag that has been the standard on the beach for decades. It provides ample storage for enough plugs and tins to get a caster through any session on the beach. It has been improved upon by increasing the height of the aluminum insert and the bag to a full 7 inches. This seemingly insignificant alteration is a real blessing to an caster who makes a habit of carrying large plugs in his or her arsenal. The recent craze for needlefish plugs, with their long and slender design was indeed a factor in increasing the height of the bag. Even the larger versions of these deadly plugs fit neatly into the compartments, keeping the hooks where they can't do any damage. Minnow shaped swimming plugs like the Bomber, Rebel, Redfin and Hellcat are popular among casters everywhere. The large 7-inch version of these plugs fit comfortably, as do large darters and bottle plugs (Gibbs Casting Swimmer). The bag measures 11 inches long by 4½ inches wide and comes with an adjustable shoulder strap.

New to the market, is a single row, five compartmented bag that measures 11 inches long by 7 inches high by 2 inches wide. This latest addition to the market promises to be a favorite. It is ideal for the caster who needs to carry only a handful of lures for a dawn or dusk foray, or the jetty jock who carries a small but select array of weapons. This bag is ideal for beach buggy anglers who may only need to carry several lures a short distance from their vehicle to where the action is. It sure beats tucking them into your wader tops, or worse yet, your pockets. The trimmed down version is perfect for wet suiters who don't want to be burdened by a standard size bag yet must carry an adequate supply of plugs, leaders, pliers, etc., to eliminate frequent trips back to the beach. It, too, comes fitted with an adjustable shoulder strap.

These bags are available direct from All Tackle. The larger version sells for $28.95 (includes shipping) while the smaller model goes for $19.95 (includes shipping). If you would like to add both models to your arsenal, both bags are available for $48, from All Tackle, 151-14 West Industry Court, Deer Park, NY 11729.

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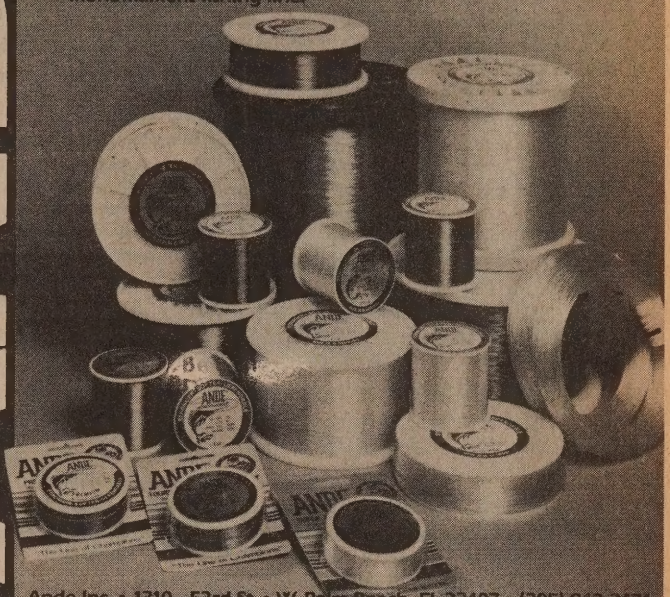

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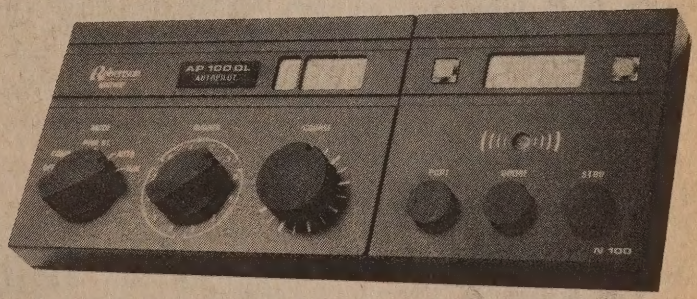

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I've finally realized a lifetime dream and moved to a new home on the Delaware River. I recall reading somewhere that there is a structure map of the Delaware available. I believe it is published by noted Delaware River guide J.B. Kasper. Can you tell me where I can purchase the map and what it costs.

Thanks. *Brian Lytle.*

Dear Brian,

No sooner said than done. You can order Kasper's Delaware River Chart directly from him at the following address: J.B. Kasper, 512 Liberty Street, Trenton, NJ 08601. The cost of the chart is $6 and Kasper suggests you allow three weeks for delivery.

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Dear Doc,

I have a small Ocean City reel, which I use for flounder fishing. I dropped the reel and broke the left side plate. I know Ocean City reels have been around a long time, but I don't know if they still repair reels. I would appreciate your help in giving me the address, if they still repair reels. The reel is an Ocean City #936 made in Phila, Pa. *Frank Hartman.*

Dear Frank,

You are in the same boat as many others who own the Ocean City reels. Unfortunately, the company is no longer in business and does not have any authorized repair centers to service their products.

You might luck out and find a local reel repair shop that has some old parts for Ocean City reels, but I doubt it. The last place I know of that will repair those fine old conventional type reels is Pousen's Reel Service, 115 Belmont Ave., Wilmington, DE 19804. You might check with them. If they cannot replace the broken part, they can machine a completely new piece to fit the reel. This will cost you some extra bucks, but if you feel the reel is worth fixing, you may want to go the extra cash.

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Dear Doc,

This is the time of year I read everything about fishing I can get my hands on. I always enjoy reading The Fisherman and your input, the Tackle Doctor. I recently purchased a book about practical knots, which brings me to my question to you.

I have been blackfishing for 40 years and changed to tandem tied hooks about 10 years ago. In many articles in The Fisherman, writers mention tandem tying for all kinds of fish. It is basically always tied the same, ending with an overhand knot to keep the one hook leader from sliding down to the other hook. If an overhand knot reduces monofilament line strength, sometimes by 50 percent, it would seem to be a terrible knot to use. If two blackfish are caught at the same time (which I have done many times) that knot would take the most

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strain. If it gave way both fish would be lost.

I'm trying tying my own hooks with a dropper loop in the middle of one leader to install the second leader and hook. Store leaders are usually 12 inches long which makes tying a dropper loop impractical. I don't want to use a 3-way swivel for the leaders. Do you or any readers know of a stronger way to tie in tandem?

I would like a monofilament company to see at what test the normal No. 4 Virginia hooks and leaders would break when tied in tandem.

Roger Schmal.

Dear Roger,

Tying a tandem hook and using a two hook rig off a dropper loop are two entirely different methods. The tandem is a rig which utilizes one hook at the end of the leader and a second hook tied in above the first. This is accomplished by using a second piece of leader material to snell the uppermost hook ***onto*** *the main leader. It does not weaken the main line since it is not tied into that piece of leader material.*

A two hook rig using the dropper loop system is very effective for many bottom species and we've been using it successfully for yars. We normally use a leader measuring at least 18 inches if we want to end up with 12 inches of working leader after forming the dropper loop. This allows us to use two hooks without the hassle of tangles. The stiffness of the leader material makes the dropper loop serve as a stand-off and we simply insert the leader loop of a second hook through the dropper loop. It does not weaken the line provided you tighten the dropper loop completely before inserting the second leader into the loop.

I don't know of any company that is currently testing hooks for break strength but in the more than 30 years we've been fishing for blackfish (tautog) we've yet to have a Virginia style hook fail due to breakage. As for leader material, it is tested for break strength. Testing knots is virtually impossible since each and every angler has his or her own special knot for each specific purpose.

Last winter, while attending a knot tying session at Berkley and Company in Spirit Lake, Iowa we found the double clinch knot was the toughest to break when tested on their sophisticated equipment. Others attending the workshop included some of the best known largemouth bass fishermen in the country and would you believe it, their knots did not stand up as well as those tied by saltwater anglers even though both groups had used the same strength line and tied the same kind of knots using their own favorite method.

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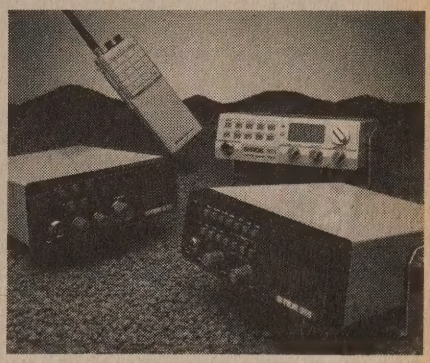

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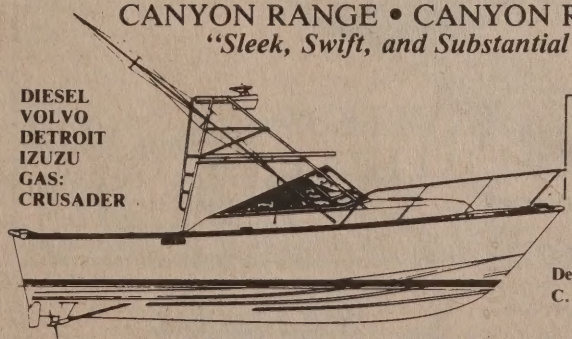

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COMMON GROUND FOR BEACH ACCESS

by John Fritz

On a brisk Saturday morning in December of 1983, a meeting was held in the Community Center at Oak Beach. This meeting was organized by Ken Herman, seasonal resident at Oak Beach, but a person filled with a year-round concern for Jones Barrier Island. The intention of the gathering, was to assemble as many people as possible, from a broad spectrum of viewpoints, to seek an answer to the decline of this aesthetically unique area. The outcome of the meeting witnessed the formation of a committee which was the nucleus of an organization, later to be known as Common Shores.

The people, who offered their time and effort to form this novel union, presented a diversified outlook. The group represented both year-round and seasonal beach residents, mobile surf fishermen, environmentalists, bird watchers and those who just love the combination of sea and sand. As the name, Common Shores, implies, the shorefront is an area where people from various backgrounds and interests share a love and concern for an irreplaceable environment.

Common Shores jumped off to its first project on a bitterly cold morning the following January. With the temperatures hovering in the single digits, dozens of residents, surf fishermen and beach lovers assembled at the refreshment stand at Captree. Here, Ken Herman divided the group into work parties. Making full use of his fleet of company 4X4s, the crews and material set out to close off illegal entry points of ORVs to the back beach areas. Stakes were pounded into the frozen ground, then adorned with a distinctive aluminum strip, snow fencing donated by Common Shores. Assemblyman Pat Halpin, a true friend of recreational fishermen and those with a regard for the environment, stopped by to give a few words of encouragement.

Since that time, Common Shores has grown and performed several additional beach related projects. In subsequent work activities, fence installation was expanded to include areas to the west of Cedar Beach. In May, 1985 a spring planting took place in which thousands of Japanese black pines and Ragusa rose seedlings were set out on the Jones Barrier Island. In addition to performing their own activities, Common Shores has donated material for other worthwhile undertakings by organizations with similar interests. Fencing to protect shore bird nesting sites, fence for sand erosion control and the metal for the Emergency Rescue Plan signs at Democrat Point.

Two years ago, Common Shore's Ken Herman, then Long Island Beach Buggy president, George Swanson and Commission of the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Town of Babylon, Dennis Lynch, created the Dune Awareness Program. This program made it mandatory for anyone desirous of obtaining a residents only Babylon Beach Vehicle Permit, to attend a session outlining responsible beach driving. Completion of the class certifies that the drive has understood the rights and wrongs of travel on the outer beaches. During Operation Christmas Tree, sponsored by the Long Island Beach Buggy Association this past January, a contingent of Common Shore people were present to lend a helping hand.

Common Shores has also sent letters to the Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore Herbert Olsen stating that legitimate ORV use be permitted in the seashore, a right seriously threatened by certain overzealous, self-interested environmental groups.

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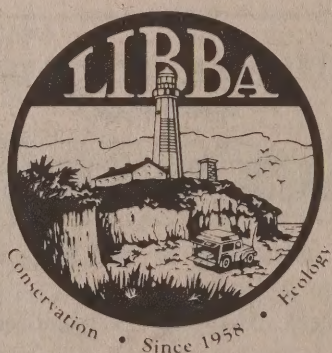

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A master plan of Common Shore's objectives was compiled through the efforts of the Board of Directors and put into print by Lois Golda of Gilgo Beach. The stated goal of this organization is to preserve the ecological viability of Jones Barrier Isand while ensuring a place for compatible recreation. In addition, to promote and encourage interest and participation of the public, in conservation and the preservation of this barrier beach, its resources and the wildlife dependent upon it. In simple terms, to create an attitude of caring.

In the past several years, given massive cuts in recreational spending and a general loss of old-time values on the part of the public, the barrier beach was neglected and abused. One goal of Common Shores is to make sure that the beach area receives its fair share of attention from the policital system. Monies must be allocated, enforcement agency staffing kept at maximum and for the judicial process to impose harsh penalties on those who desecrate this fragile environment.

Some issues which concern the people at Common Shores may seem far afield for fishermen. A possible leaking gasoline tank at Oak Beach or overloaded trucks using the Loop Parkway may be of minor significance to someone trying to locate a few hungry fish. Maybe so, but it's all a part of the beach experience, whether you lie there soaking up the sun's ray in July or casting into the teeth of a nor'easter on a grey November morn.

The Long Island Beach Buggy Association, comprised mainly of mobile sport fishermen, is the only other local organization which initiates projects designed to protect the barrier beaches. An end to the days, when a person can sit back and let the other guy fight to maintain access to the shore, is fast approaching. The pressures are building to severely restrict the shoreline available for surf fishermen. The Long Island Beach Buggy Association, and now Common Shores, are in the forefront of the fight for your right to use your buggy in pursuit of saltwater fish. It's easy to lie back and complain amongst yourselves about all that is wrong and unjust. It's time to stand up and be counted.

For more on Common Shores, you can visit their booth at the Captree Sea Fest on April 26th and 27th. Better yet, join in the fence mending project scheduled for May 3rd. They will meet at a 8AM in the Captree refreshment stand.

If you ride the beach and are not already a member of LIBBA, you certainly should be. You can become an active member by sending $18 to LIBBA, P.O. Box 799, Middle Island, NY 11953. An added bonus to your LIBBA membership is automatic membership in UMS (United Mobile Sportfishermen). UMA has long been in the forefront of protecting mobile anglers' rights to beach access up and down the East Coast.

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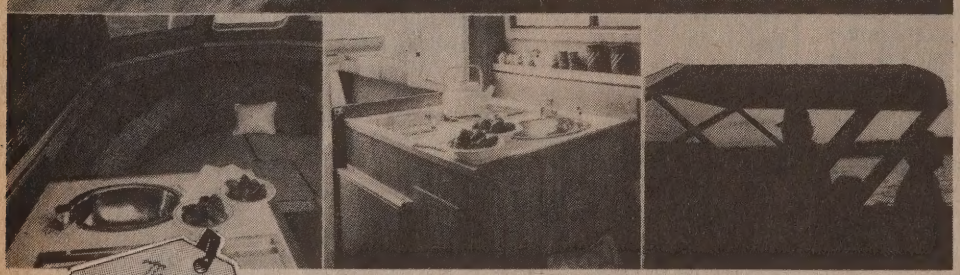

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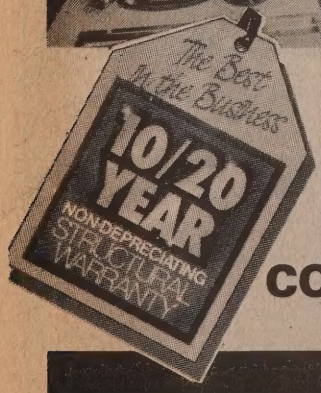

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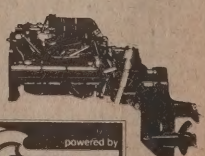

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GREAT SOUTH BAY FLOUNDER TIDBITS

by Einar "Doc" Grell

Spring means many things to Long Islanders, but foremost to anglers is the arrival of flounder season. One of the best spots to catch these flatfish is Great South Bay and particularly in the waters south of Babylon and Islip.

All of the spots (F) on the accompanying chart are excellent flounder producing areas if you apply a little intelligence to your fishing. The key to them is they have the right type of bottom for flounder. Good flattie spots should be muddy with some fine gravel and good supply of marine worms, small crustaceans and clams.

This bay fishing does not require heavy weight tackle. I place major emphasis upon keeping your tackle on the "light" side. To go fishing for flounder with 20 to 30 lb. test line, large hooks, heavy action rods and 4 to 6 ounce sinkers deprives you of the thrill of catching these "peppy" fish. The name of the game is to enjoy the catching as much as the eating. Give these fish the opportunity to show their spunky side. Keep in mind that you are going to catch a fish that will weigh in the 1/2 to 2 lb. range with the average weight coming out around 3/4 lbs. Of course, you will occasionally catch a flounder in the 2 lb. category, but this will be the exception to the rule.

Terminal gear for this fishing should be kept simple. Long ago I gave up on the spreader for one major reason. It is a grass catcher which continually fouls your hooks which, in turn, cuts down on your results. Instead, the double tandem rig is nothing more than a 3-way swivel which consists of one part of the swivel attached to your line, another which goes to your sinker and the third which goes to your hooks. Hookwise, I employ #9 or #6 Chestertowns. For sinkers, I use egg shaped sinkers ranging in weight from 1/2 to 3 ounces on the heavy end. In this area, if you have to hold bottom with sinkers that weigh more than 3 ounces, you are fishing in the wrong spots. Probably characterized by too much current and a too hard bottom.

I am a firm believer that while fishing, you should periodically bang the bottom or even better, plunge the bottom with a "plumbers helper," mounted on a long wood or aluminum handle. Many years ago, after painting my house with this 10 foot aluminum rod (which telescopes to 25 feet), I decided to remove the roller paint brush and attach to it a rubber plunger. I have used it for years and it has served me well.

As to bait, I have used bloodworms successfully. To say the least, they are very expensive. However, they do catch fish. If you go the worm route, I strongly recommend that you thread half a worm onto your hook, leaving the uncut end of the worm at the barb

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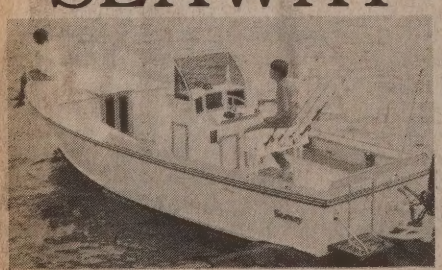

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You might desire to dig your own clam bait out on the flats. You can legally dig a bucket of clams for bait, but do not get carried away with your digging. Dig a bushel and you could get picked up by conservation officers for clamming without a license. In using clams for bait, I use small, thin slices on the hook. Do not use the entire clam. Flounder have very small sucking mouths.

Concerning chum, let me say at the outset that I put much effort into my flounder fishing. In actuality, flounder fishing is more work than one realizes if you really want to be successful at it. Before I actually begin to fish, I spend about two hours digging myself about a half bushel of bank mussels with a small, 3-pronged garden tool used for scratching planting beds. I put my waders on and get into the water to pick these mussels. This is back-breaking work which many flounder fishermen avoid like the plague. Rather than go this route they prefer to purchase a small bag of mussel chum from a local tackle shop.

These mussels, regardless of how you procure them, will be used for both chum and bait. The mussels are placed in a small perforated metal cylinder. The cylinder that I use is from an old washing machine and is the inside perforated spinner for washing clothes. The spinner is filled with mussels which are mashed and broken with a baseball bat. This chum pot is lowered to the bottom where it pours forth its succulent juices. Every so often this cylinder with lid attached is jiggled and lifted from the bottom to increase mussel juice flow through the perforations. The weight of the spinner, plus two or three sash weights, holds and maintains position of the chum pot beneath my boat. In addition, I also crack mussels and throw these around the boat. If you do not have a chum pot you can easily make one by drilling half inch holes in a 2, 3 or 4 gallon plastic bucket. You can also purchase these pots from any bait and tackle store. They are usually made of wire mesh and possess lead bottoms.

It has always been my contention that if you are going to chum, do it right. Thus I prefer the larger chum buckets. Don't be stingy with the chum. Give the flatties enough juices and goodies to attract and hold them in the area. Don't worry about overfeeding them. You won't...believe me.

The best bait for flounder is mussels. String onto your hook 3 or 4 mussels by way of the black part of the mussel which is the toughtest part. Don't be too concerned about the stringy nature of the arrangement which a buddy says looks like "spit" on the hook. Just make sure that the flounder has a freely flowing bait on which to suck. With regard to my bait preference, it is in this order: mussels, clams, bloodworms.

Okay. Now that you are ready to

fish, pick a spot from the chart. Anchor up and double check to make sure that you have the right type of bottom beneath you. Remember, muddy bottom is preferred over hard sand. Do your thing with the plunger. Put your chum pot overboard on the bottom where you will be fishing. Bait up with whatever bait you prefer, allowing a small section of the barb of the hook to protrude through the bait. Keep in the back of your mind that flounder do not rest completely against the bottom as some people think, even though they sometimes bury themselves. In reality, they support themselves slightly off the bottom on their curved bodies.

The flounder's top and rear fins may be used for crawling either forward or backward slowly above the bottom by a wave like movement. In actual swimming in open water, they use their chest (pectoral) and tail fins. This information is important in developing your fishing techniques. These can vary from simply allowing your bait to rest on the bottom until you feel a nibble; then slowly dragging your bait back to your chum pot after casting out a few feet, or periodically lifting your bait off the bottom. It is obvious that you will use a variety of techniques in your fishing and as soon as you begin to catch fish you will more or less stay with a particular technique. On occasion, I have caught flounder 15 feet away from the chum pot and other times it appears that I am actually catching them right next to the chum pot.

In actual fishing, remember also that your sinker serves two purposes: to hold bottom and secondly, to serve as a miniature pounder as you drag it through the mud or bounce it up and down. Do this constantly as you fish and you need not worry that bouncing your bait will frighten flounder. These are curious fish and they will come over to see what is happening.

While actually fishing, periodically throw around the boat crushed mussels. Sometimes whole kernel corn, cat food, rice—you name it, will work. There is no limit to what you can do in chumming.

When flounder bite, gently lift your rod tip. Flounder for the most part will gently bite down on your bait as you begin to reel in and they continue to pull. After this gentle pulling, drop back a little while reeling in line and then set the hook. Very often, you will catch flounder on the rise meaning that they are slowly chasing your bait up from the bottom as you are cranking in. When you feel the pull, drop back a little and then a firm upward thrust of your rod should hook them.

A few more tips to keep in mind: When fishing the State Boat Channel at marked spots, stay out of the middle of the channel. Not only will your fish yield be small there due to the fast current, but you are in violation of the Inland Rules of Navigation and could be blocking boat traffic. In fishing the channel area, you need to get close to the muddy banks and small drains which enter the State Boat Channel from the meadows which feed this major channel. Also, carry a small net if you are employing six pound test line. A wriggling fish in the air will sometimes break your line. You will never know when you are going to catch a monster flounder.

Inasmuch as flounder fishing should be enjoyable, do not go fishing when the weather is lousy. By this I mean when you have a strong wind blowing with whitecaps all over the bay. Not only will the bay be too churned up to fish and your teeth knocked out from the buffeting that you will take, but your fish yield will be small.

I have found the outgoing tidal flow to be best when I am fishing in areas with considerable current such as that found in the State Boat Channel. In areas of the bay where current flow is reduced, I have found that catches between incoming and outgoing tidal flow are not worth paying much attention to. When figuring currents for this area, remember you still have three hours left of incoming tide flow before you reach high tide slack water—the top of the tide. High and low tides are not current times.

In brief, fish in good weather, stay out of the wind and rain, throw back fish less than eight inches long and eat what you catch!

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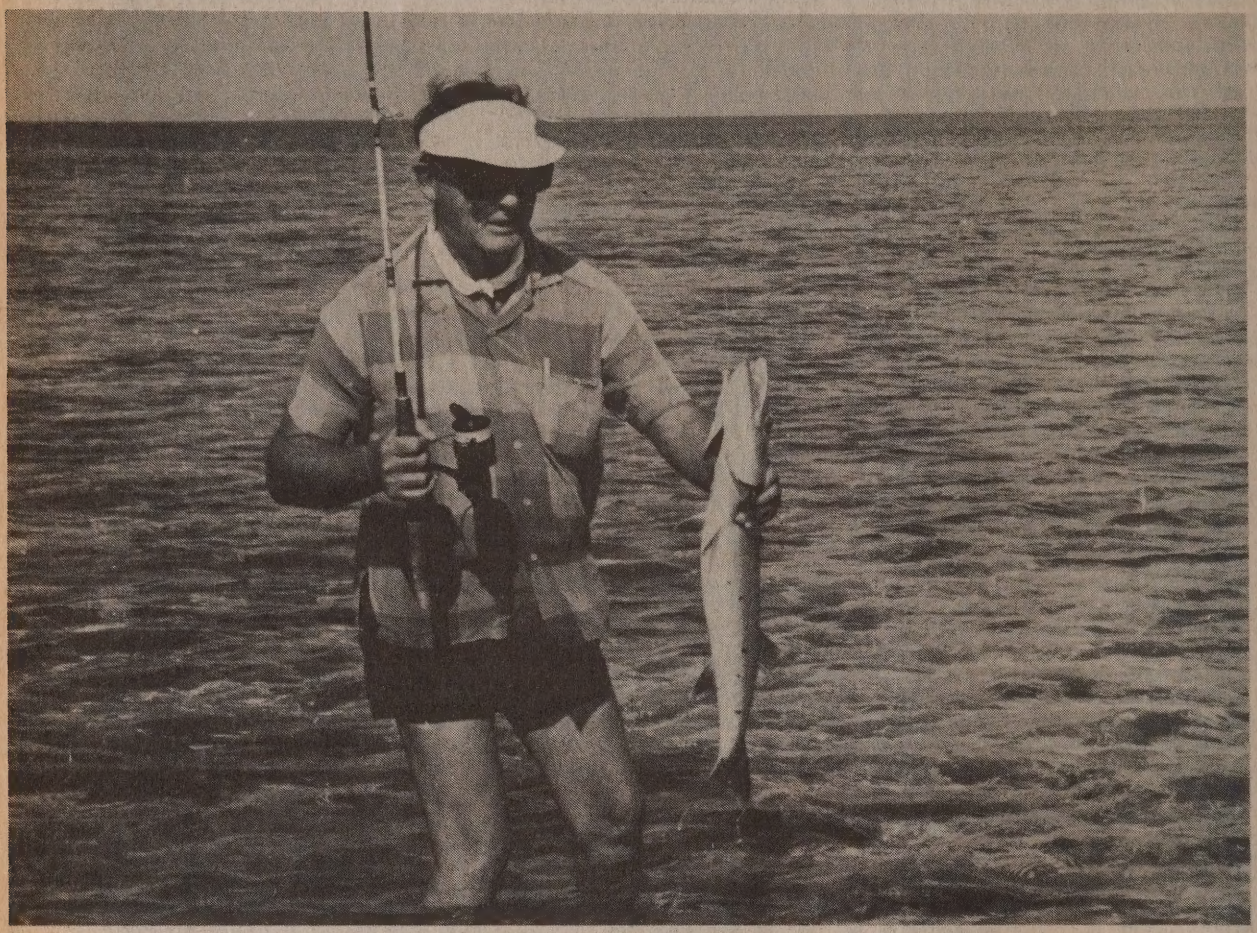

BACARRUDA

by Tom Goodspeed

The barracuda is one tough customer when taken on sporting tackle. And, he is always ready to do battle.

Years ago, when pan rock filled the bay. I used to tie up my own bucktail jigs. I'd cast #3 hooks in the 3/8 ounce jig and tie on the longest white bucktail hairs that I could buy. The heads I'd paint white and I'd usually add big red eyes, claiming that the fish liked them better that way, but really doing it because I liked them better that way.

Then one day I visited Marathon in the Florida Keys, in winter. Naturally, I took my fishing gear—and in my tackle box were a bunch of those rockfish specials of mine.

Thinking I'd wade the nearby tidal flat and pick up a bonefish or permit or two, I slipped on a pair of old sneakers, donned Polaroids and a long billed hat and, in my swimming trunks, I waded out on the flat. The water was crystal clear and I could see every blade of grass, every grain of sand clearly.

Well, I saw no bonefish nor permit that day—but I did see a lot of barracuda, scattered all over the acres of flat before me. Little barracuda that measured some 16 to 20 inches long and big barracuda that had grown to four feet in length. Fortunately, I had a good supply of those bucktails with me because those backarooda (as we came to call them) just ate them up. In a good hour, we'd hang at least 2 or 3 fish and lose another one or two. And most strikes meant a lost lure, most of the time. Our problem was that if we used wire leaders, we got no strikes. In that tropical water, we had to tie the jig directly to our 6 or 8 lb. test mono and often the fish would cut the line on the strike. Then, when we did hook a fish, those awesome teeth in the 'cuda's mouth would shred the deer hair so that most of it was gone when the fish was finally beat.

I understand that the smaller barracuda that we catch on the flats are quite tasty, if bony. I will admit, though, that I have never eaten one. It is known that the larger fish, the ones that normally inhabit the deeper water out near the reefs, are some-

what toxic. They get this way from eating parrot fish which are toxic and it is safe to say that the larger 'cuda should not be eaten.

The technique for catching the 'cuda is rather elementary. We simply blind cast, working the edges of the grassy areas—unless, of course, we can see the fish and sight-cast to them. We mix up our retrieve, sometimes hustling the lure in as fast as we can and other times retrieving in the typical undulating motion. Both seem to work well and one doesn't seem to produce better than the other, although we much prefer to sight-cast. It is interesting to note the aggressiveness of the younger fish under these circumstances as compared to the reluctant hesitancy of the larger fish, the older and wiser ones.

If the thought of 'cuda snapping at your toes bothers you, forget it. Those fish are much more afraid of you than you are of them. You have to approach them very stealthily or they'll frighten and disappear in a flash. When they do go, they go in an incredible burst of speed, which gives you an idea of their fighting ability. They have little endurance, however, and after the first few minutes of the fight, are quite easily led in to your feet.

I'll usually grab the fish in back of the head with one hand and, while holding the rod against my body with my upper arm, gently remove the jig and release the fish.

Because it is so easy to enjoy, this 'cuda fishing has to be one of the best deals that the Florida Keys has to offer. All you have to do is locate an accessible flat near where you are staying. Since most of the waters surrounding the Keys are flats, this is no problem. As you become more experienced, you'll soon learn how to spot the better flats, the true bonefish type flats, and it is here where you'll find better concentrations of 'cuda.

These better flats are adjacent to a deep channel which provides the access to the flat. As the tide rises, the fish move up the channel and as the waters flood up over the channel edges to inundate the flats, the fish follow. Conversely, as the tide drops, you can see the fish work their way closer to the channel edge, over which they eventually drop. You do want good grass scattered in patches across the flat and you want access for yourself without having to swim for it nor having to trespass on private property.

For some strange reason, you will seldom see other anglers casting for the 'cuda. This is not a well known Florida sport but the fight of the fish is excellent and a morning on the flats is as fine a way to spend a Florida morning as I can think of. And once you are in the Keys, its cost is negligible. You need no guide, no boat, no charts, no special gear. Just what you see in the photos—and, of course, a pocket full of 3/8 ounce white bucktails. I guess that is why we call them the poor man's bonefish.

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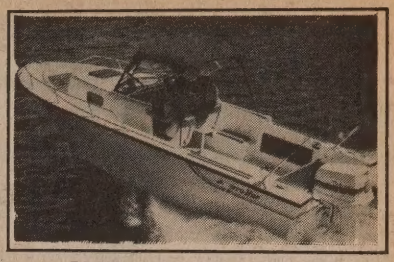

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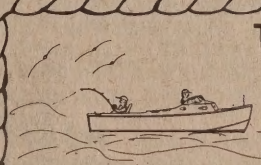

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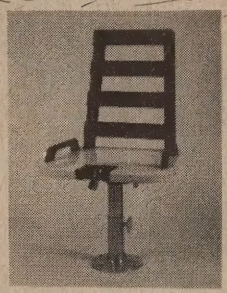

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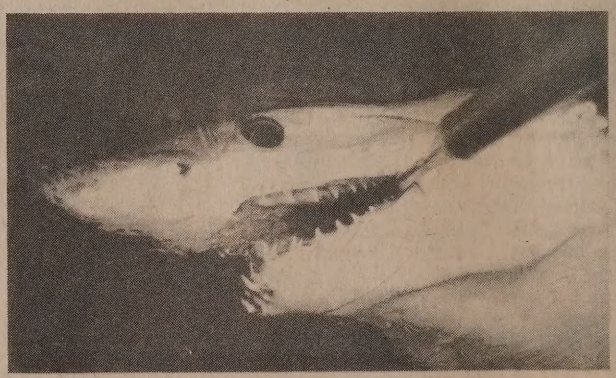

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THE BEAVERKILL

by Jim Capossela

Fly fishing is a sport of romance, and in all its lexicon of tradition and romance, there is no more sacred a word than this one: Beaverkill!

Quite possibly the best known trout stream in the world, this 25-mile long river flows through a land that is itself steeped in romance. It is the Catskill Mountains, a place whose strange, somer beauty has been sought but never quite captured by two centuries of writers and artists.

Refer to the map as we look at the different sections and discuss what access and conditions you can expect to find in each.

Above Turnwood, the Beaverkill is small and intimate, its banks heavily forested as the whole river once was. While there are native brook trout here, the land is almost entirely private except for about two miles on the extreme headwaters where the tiny brook transects state land. Just below Turnwood (which isn't much more than a couple of mail boxes), the stream runs through another parcel of state land and here a little public access is possible. From this point downstream, brown trout will be increasingly in evidence.

There is more private land until one gets to Lew Beach. Here, where a few houses and a gin mill join the few mail boxes, there is no state land, but there is about a one mile stretch where fisherman access is guaranteed. This short, public segment gets fished quite hard.

Still heading downstream, there is another piece of private water until one arrives at the pretty Covered Bridge Campsite. Both day and overnight camping is allowed at this New York State facility, and there are picnic tables, grills, and a little information board. It's a nice spot for a rest if you're bouncing around trying different spots on the river.

There is public land and thus public water for about 1/2 mile up and downstream of the campground. Fishing pressure here is considerable.

From the Covered Bridge down to Cat Hollow Road, the Beaverkill is full born and heartbreakingly beautiful. I say heartbreaking because I don't happen to belong to the private clubs that own it. At this point, the trout, like the water, are much bigger although some native brookies may persist.

The good news is that from Cat Hollow Road, just above the little hamlet of Rockland, all the way down to the end of the Beaverkill at East Branch village the state has obtained "guaranteed access" for fishermen. In other words, this entire lower mileage is open to the public, although entry may be restricted to certain points.

The section below Roscoe is often called the Big Beaverkill while the section above Roscoe is frequently called the Little Beaverkill. Be careful, though, because there is another Little Beaverkill located in the county to the southeast.

On the Big Beaverkill there are two special regulations areas: From the Sullivan/Delaware county line downstream 2.5 miles and from one mile upstream to .6 miles downstream of the iron bridge at Horton. On both of these sections, it is "no-kill" with artificial lures only permitted. Fishing is allowed year-round, though.

Found in these two sections (which are well marked by signs) are the most famous Beaverkill pools as well as the most and biggest trout. It is all browns here, and the experienced fly fisher who knows the water can expect to take many 14 to 16 inch trout when conditions are favorable. Bigger ones of 19 to 22 inches are not that uncommon.

Outside these two sections, but still on the Big Beaverkill, spin fishermen concentrate. Just above and below the no-kill sections the pressure is considerable but spin fishermen using worms, minnows, spinners and other

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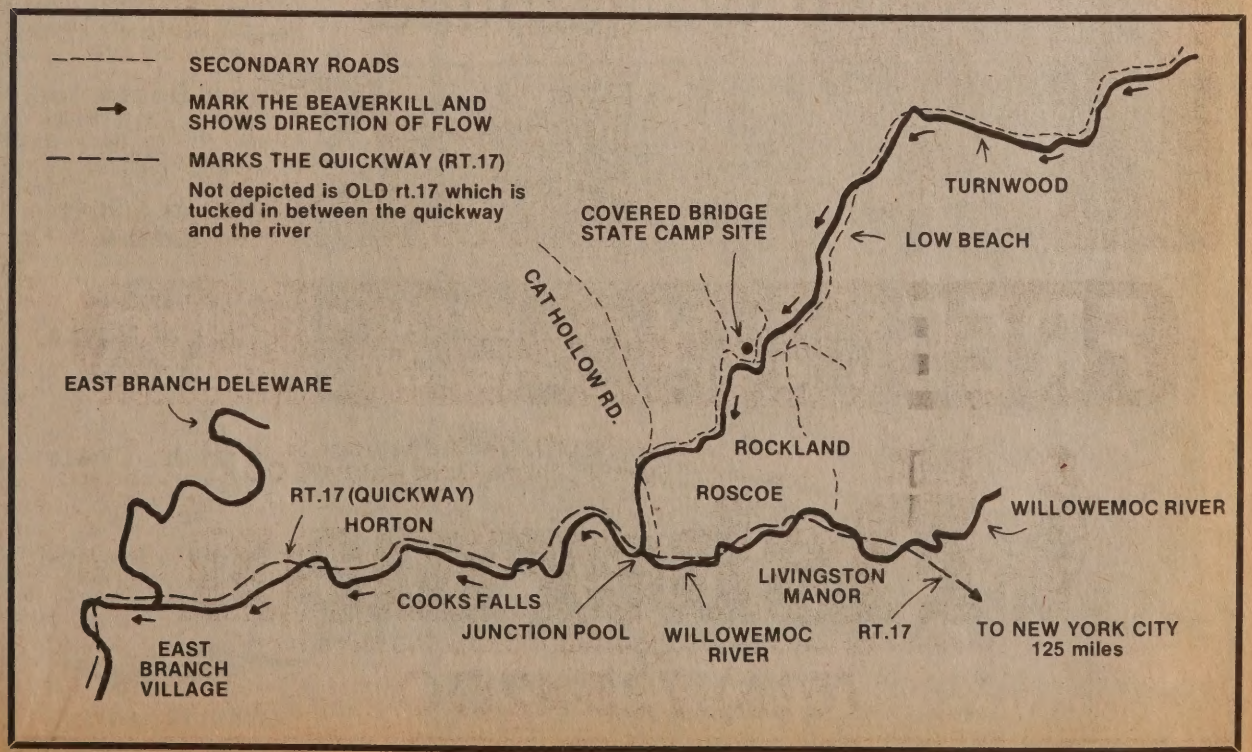

lures take a fair share of fish.

Below the lower no-kill section below Horton, the fishing pressure is much lighter. Here the river is much bigger as it winds its way through a very steep valley. Both fly and spin fishing is permitted in this lower river, and while it seems to be inundated with chubs, the trout are there if you hit the right day.

Parking along the entire Big Beaverkill is no problem. You can't park on the quickway. What you do is follow **old** Rt. 17 down from Roscoe and just park wherever there's a pull-off. If it's any time other than the dead of winter you'll see other cars, you can be sure of that.

One of the reasons for the Beaverkill's hallowed status is its diverse fly life. Just before and after April 1st, very tiny Baetis may appear. These classic "blue winged olives" range widely in size, from #16 on down to #22 and smaller. Early Brown and other stoneflies may also be encountered in early season.

The legendary Quill Gordon hatch (the first important mayfly of spring) usually is on the water in later April or most usually the first week of May. I haven't seen many Epeorus pleuralis (Quill Gordon) hatches on the Beaverkill, but when I have it's been memorable. I believe it is no longer a major hatch on the river and that it is more restricted to certain sections than many other mayflies.

Also around the time of the Quill Gordons, or shortly thereafter, the important Paraletophlebia mayfly appears. Another of the "blue winged olives," this size #16 to #18 insect can promote excellent rises of fish. It often hinges on a degree or two of water temperature; cloudy, warm days are ideal conditions for this and other spring mayflies., Also around the first week of May the blizzard-like hatches of "shad fly" or "grannom" occur. This superabundant caddisfly seldom seems to get the fish going. Try pupal imitations when the surface is coated with shad flies but no rises are evident.

Far more abundant and important than the Quill Gordon is the Hendrickson, Ephemeralla subvaria (and a related species or two). One of the most famous flies in all of trout fishing, the Hendrickson is imitated by the equally well-known Red Quill (for the male) and the Hendrickson (for the female). Size #12 is just right. It's worthwhile to carry several stages of this insect: Nymph (try a gold-ribbed hare's ear), wet, floating emerger, dun and spinner. All are important and trout are usually selective to one stage at a time.

In spite of the supposed springtime delights of flowers, sunshine and shirt sleeves, May is usually a tricky month on the Beaverkill. The water is still cold, the wind is usually up and snow or snow flurries are possible up to mid-month. Last year was an exception. It got very warm in mid-April, prompting superb early season angling in the Beaverkill and Delaware. Although the early season flies are less predictable than the June and July hatches, have them in your vest anyway in case the weather cooperates.

The last two weeks in May are still iffy. It can be extremely hot; or it can be windy, raw and nasty. If it's somewhere in-between—moderate temps with drizzly, cloudy weather—expect some fine fly fishing. March Browns can pop up all day, and these large mayflies really arouse the interest of bigger trout. Size #10 imitations should be cast near shore where the March Brown nymphs migrate prior to emergence. Following closely behind the March is the Grey Fox (Stenonema fuscum), another fly that seems to pop up leisurely all day long.

June 1 to June 15 is **the** time to be on the Beaverkill! Barring prolonged rains, the water level and temperature will be perfect and the hatches will be far more predictable. The exciting Green Drake usually appears between June 1-7 (but last year May 25th or so). Both the dun and the spinner or "coffin fly" are important. In the morning in early June, Ephemerella cornuta and attentuata (more blue winged olives) can provide some excellent action between 9AM and 1PM on the average. For the cornuta, be sure to have some floating nymphs. Also at this magical time, caddis may be buzzing around all day

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long. In the late afternoon, 4-6:30PM, is when I've witnessed the best Green Drake hatches, but this hatch may only last an hour and a half. Around supper time a very dark #12 caddis (I believe Psilotreta) is on the water and this fly is well imitated by an Adams. Just before dark the size #16-#18 sulphurs appear, and this workhorse hatch may last for several weeks.

As June advances, the sulphurs persist, Isonychias appear and several lesser-known species of mayflies and caddisflies come off. All through June, daytime activity can remain good, especially if there's a cloud cover and the river has a fair head of water. But there is no denying that mid-June is the time of the legendary evening hatches on the Beaverkill and other Catskill streams.

In late June and early July, morning hatches give way to mostly evening hatch activity. If it's not too hot, skilled anglers can catch fish all day in the absence of hatches.

In early July, the evening hatches remain surprisingly good, though they taper (and become later) as mid-month approaches. There is always **something** buzzing around before dark, but as July melts into August, the activity will be less and will be right at or after dark. In August, the very early morning "tricos" appear and provide sport for those willing to face the dual prospects of getting up early (6AM to 9AM is prime time!) and using miniscule flies down to size #24 and smaller.

In August and September, the Beaverkill is usually low and uninviting. Although I'm fluke fishing and bumming on Tiana Beach sands by this time, more dedicated fly fishers continue to pursue Beaverkill browns with long leaders, tiny flies, and much patience. It should be noted that in October the fish can be very hungry and the cooler weather can prompt some excellent fishing.

Worm fishing is very tough. I won't do it on this rocky mountain stream. Rather, I'll put on a salted minnow, one of the deadliest of all trout baits. Small spinners also work well, and at certain times small 2½ to 3 inch Rapalas or similar plugs can cause some watery explosions. An old tradition among locals on the Beaverkill is the tin bait can, a small minnow bucket that is carried around the shoulder. Some of the biggest spin-caught browns fall to small, live minnows.

Bait and tackle for the Beaverkill-bound may be had in Livingston Manor and Roscoe. There are motels in these two villages, and in fact throughout the region. There are also numerous campgrounds, a nice one being Butternut Grove in Horton. For late reports and advice, as well as bait, tackle and clothing, stop in The Little Store on Main Street in Roscoe.

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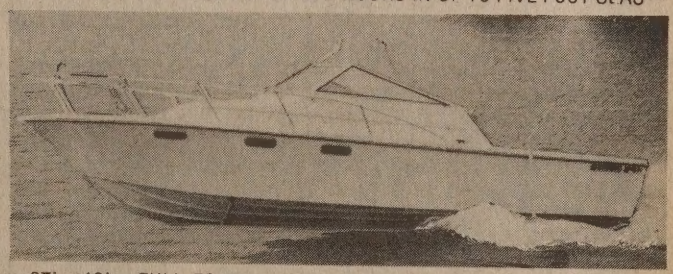
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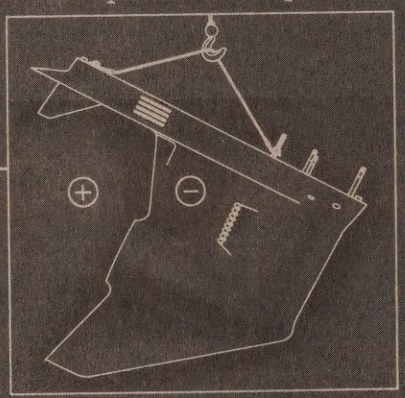

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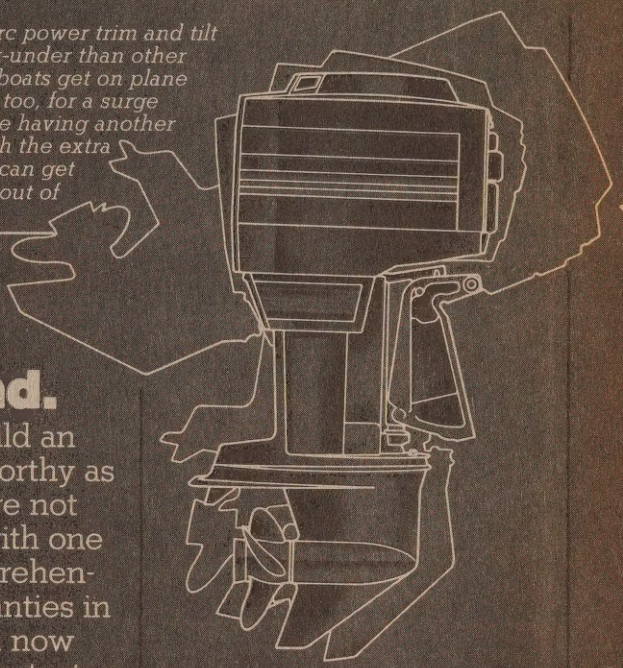

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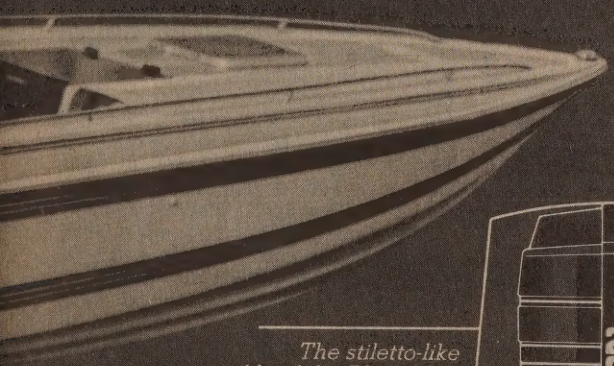

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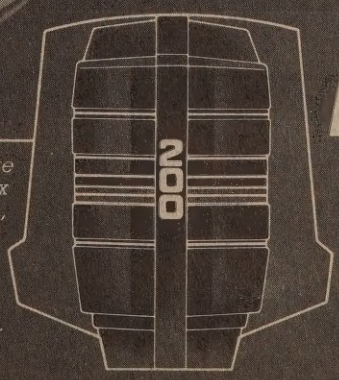

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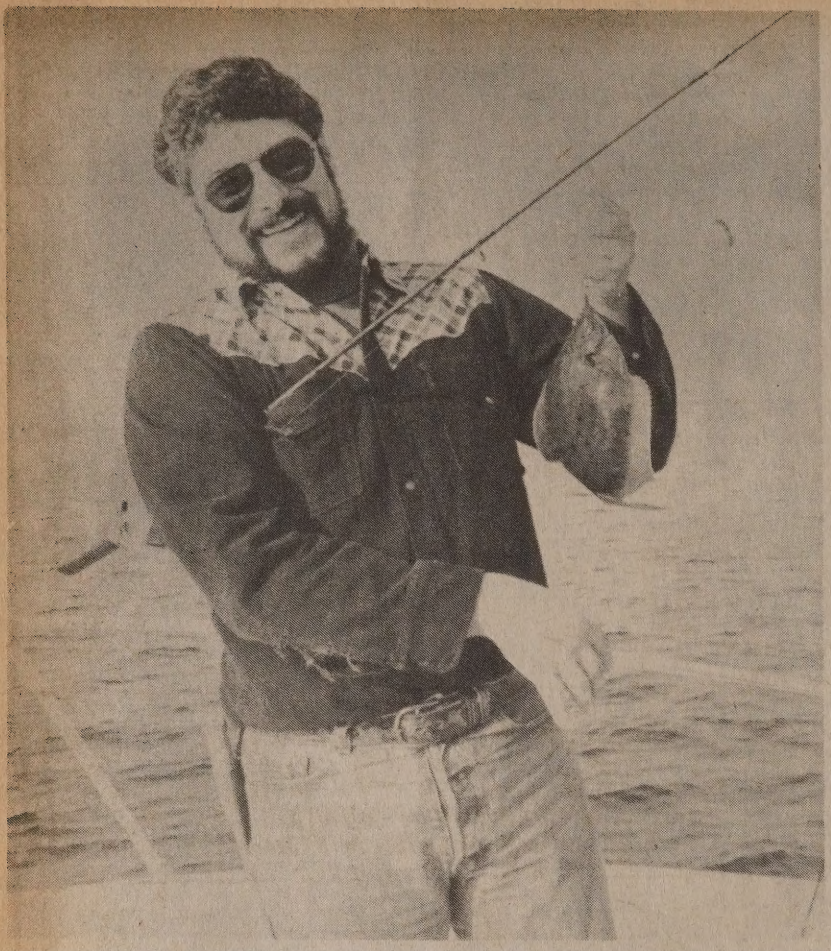

J-BAY FLATTIES

by T.K. Hastings

With St. Patrick's Day marking the traditional start of the fishing year, we west end anglers depend upon our little flat friend, the winter flounder, to help relinquish any lingering memories of a much too long winter, and grace us with our first truly "fresh," fish dinner.

Although he doesn't compare to some of our other seasonal finned visitors in either fighting ability or stamina, Mr. Flounder puts up quite a tussle on light tackle, and provides what I feel is the absolute best eating of any fish in the sea. From late February to mid-June, flatties will be caught, sometimes in great numbers, by fishermen who ply the waters surrounding the boroughs of Brookly and Queens. Scores of local metropolitan anglers begin their season by tracking down post-spawn flounder on Jamaica Bay. Though all of the adjacent estuaries and bays around Long Island hold some quantity of flounder at certain times of the year, we do almost all our spring flounder fishing in Jamaica Bay. Because of its proximity to our home port in Mill Basin, and its normally calm conditions, Jamaica Bay is the logical choice, not only for us small boatmen, but for much of the Sheepshead Bay party boat fleet that will fish here when weather conditions do not permit the ride to Sandy Hook. And for one other good reason, too; there's plenty of fish right here!

Jamaica Bay may dim in comparison to areas such as Moriches Bay, but there are more than enough flatties to go around. It is not unusual for a single angler to catch 25 or more keepers here on a given day. For example, on a late March trip last spring aboard Pete Mikoleski's "Regina M," three of us boated 75 flounder in just one afternoon while fishing the mouth of a small tidal creek in the back of the bay! Although we kept only 40 fish or so from that impressive total, we had a ball catching them on light tackle. The biggest fish that day tipped the scale a shade over 2 lbs., but sizes ranged from 1/2 lb. to well over 2 lbs. in the bay.

Because the bottom is comprised almost entirely of mud, Jamaica Bay and flounder fishing go hand in hand. The nutrient rich sediment here contains all kinds of food for hungry flatties to fatten up on. Mussels, clams, sea worms and a variety of minute shellfish are all native to the bay, and are all part of the flounder's diet. Early in the season we lean towards using soft baits such as mussel and clam to entice flatties to our baited hooks. Fresh bank mussles just can't be beat when the water is still cold and the fish are sluggish, although skimmer clam will also take fish to a lesser degree. As the season progresses sand and blood worms will take their fair share of fish, but never count out mussel bait. It can prove deadly at any time of the season. Most anglers who fish here regularly like to bring along a variety of baits just in case flounder become finicky. Flounder will show a marked preference for one type of bait over another at certain times, so it pays to experiment.

As with all flounder fishing, tackle should be kept as light as possible. Since the fish you will be seeking are relatively small, using heavy gear will only lessen your sensitivity to bites. Besides, there is no need to overpower a fish that weighs 3/4 lbs. with tackle more suited for codfishing when you'll have the most fun fighting him on a light or ultra-light rod! My basic setup consists of a Shakespeare Ugly Stik, model SP 110C, matched with a Daiwa spinning reel, Model RB 1300. Although I'm sure many of you swear by conventional gear, I find that spinning gear gives me a little more control when it comes to flounder. Because the spinning reel hangs down below the rod, I don't have to fight gravity to keep it in an upright position, as I would if I were to use a conventional reel. I feel that I can detect bites more easily because of this. Both reels work well, however, and the choice is best left up to you. Fill the reel with 6 to 10 lb. test monofilament line and you're in business.

As far as hooks and sinkers are concerned, I prefer to use #9 or #10 Chestertowns. As opposed to most other store bought hooks, these are sharp right out of the package. Sharper hooks will definitely increase your number of solid hook-ups and solid hook-ups mean more fish in the cooler! Sinkers will range from 1 to 4 ounces in weight depending on the strength of the current. Some locals like to paint their sinkers yellow or

red, saying they attract flounder better than the normal lead color variety, but I haven't noticed much of a difference.

There are many rigging options to catch flounder here in Jamaica Bay. Over the past several seasons, however, I have found the fish-finder rig to outproduce all of the other traditional flounder rigs. The theory is, because the line slides through the eye of the sinker without any resistance, the gentle nibbles of flatties are more easily detected using the fish finder. To tie it, run your line through the eye of a suitable bank sinker and using an improved clinch knot, tie on a small snap swivel. The swivel should be just large enough to hold the sinker on without it falling off. Two tandem tied hooks are then added to the snap swivel to complete the rig.

If you want to score well with Jamaica Bay flatties, you are going to have to use some sort of chum. Chum, in the form of clam, mussels, canned corn and even cat food will work to draw flounder from great distances to the vicinity of your baited hooks (this becomes very important when the fish are scattered throughout an area). Here are two methods you can use to chum for flounder. The first is to fill a chum pot with crushed mussel or clam and send it to the bottom. You'll find that this method is the easiest, but is also quite messy (try scrubbing dried clam flesh off of your deck one day and you'll know what I mean). The second method will take a little longer to master, but once you get the hang of it it will make things a lot easier. This technique involves pre-determining the water current direction you will be fishing in, and to bat the bivalves over the side one at a time so that the broken pieces land near your rig. As I said, this practice will take longer to learn, but should be worthwhile in the long run.

Although flounder can be caught just about anywhere in Jamaica Bay, the Silver Hole Marsh area has long been recognized as THE spot for spring flatties. For some reason, this is the first place flatties begin to stir in the bay. If the weather cooperates, the season should get started here about the third week in March, but if it stays cold, don't look for Mr. Flounder to poke his nose out of the mud until the first week of April. Prospecting anglers should try fishing shallow water areas early on, as flounder will congregate here first (the 6 to 8 foot depths around buoys 13 and 15 have produced well for us in recent years). However, as the season moves along, fish will respond to rising water temperatures by gradually moving to deeper water where they can be intercepted. Try fishing various depths until you get action and chum liberally to be successful.

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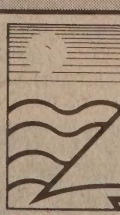

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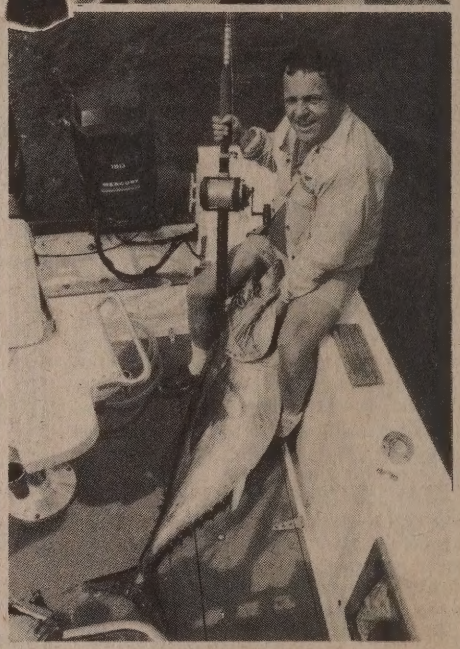

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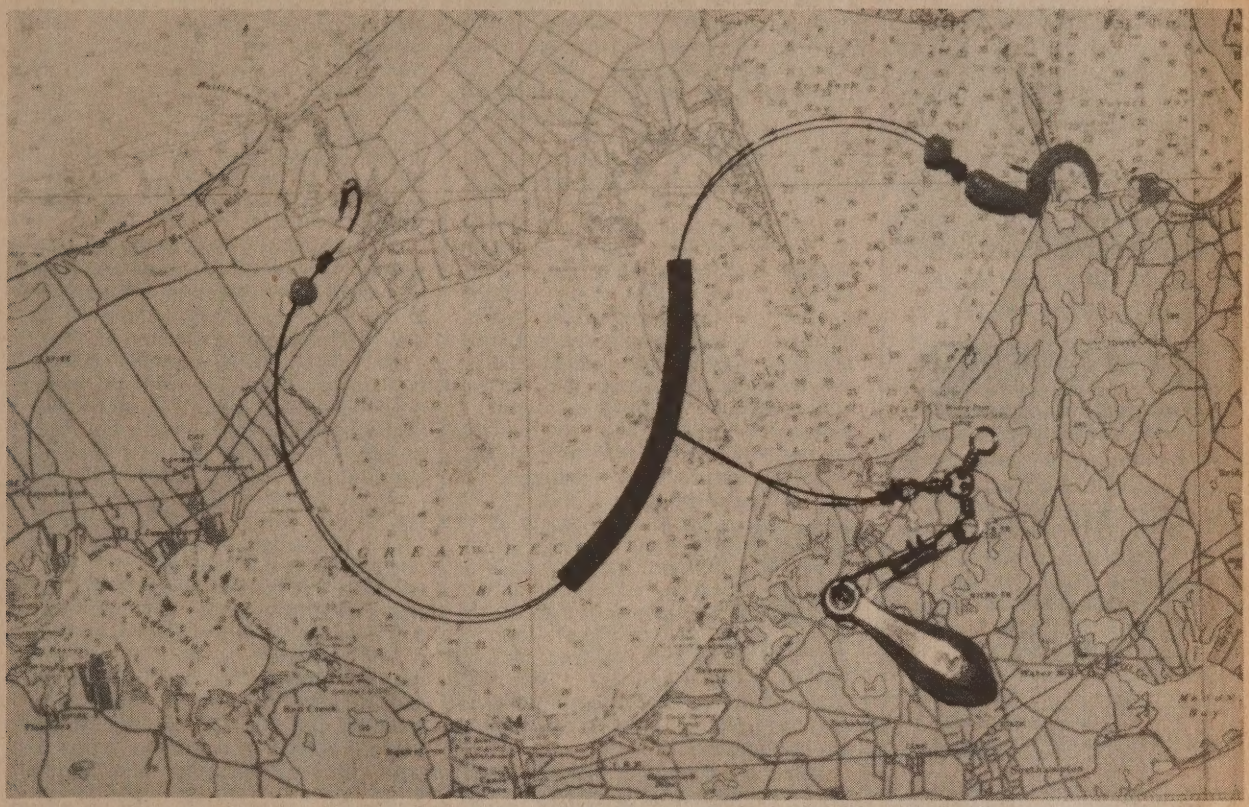

PECONIC FLOUNDER

by Fred Laager

Knowledgable Long Island sinker bouncers find quality flounder fishing in their own backyard.

My buddy, Bob Santiago and I had spent the long winter dreaming about our first trip for flounder; debating whether or not to make the long trip to Quincy, Massachusetts or to go to his favorite haunts in Peconic Bay. I tried my best to convince him to take the trip to Quincy with me where we would be able to connect on some nice flounder and possibly some cod, but he said he would take me to a spot in the Peconics that is every bit as good as the fishing in Quincy and a whole lot closer.

It was a bit chilly on Long Island for the first week of April, but not as cold as it had been just a few weeks before. I met Bob and his son at a truck stop on the Expressway and we decided to take his car for the trek to the peconics. It was a tight fit but somehow I managed to fit in the back seat cradling a 15 hp engine under one arm; a cooler full of chum in the other. On the roof of the car was everything else we needed: clothes, another cooler, gas tank, rods and reels, chum pot, anchor and tackle boxes. Undoubtedly, everyone else on the Expressway that morning must have thought that we were a misplaced family on the move or perhaps we were just doing a fine impersonation of the dislocated family in "Grapes of Wrath."

We finally arrived at New Suffolk and rented a skiff from Captain Marty's fishing station. The bay was calm, so we made good time arriving at Nassau Point some ten minutes later. Before I could put the chum pot overboard, Bob and his son both had fish on and, as I saw the three pound flatties coming over the gunwale, I knew that I had finally found the early season hotspot I was looking for.

We took turns working the chum pot; keeping it full of the frozen "bombs" that Bob had made the day before and it seemed as if every time we bounced the pot on the bottom it was only a matter of seconds before another flattie was tossed into the pail. We were using a mixture of clam bellies and rice for chum, but Bob had used egg shells, mussel and corn on occasion and had found that they also worked quite well.

We continued to fish Nassau Point until the change in the tide and then we headed over to the South Race off of Robin's Island. Arriving at buoy 26, I threw the anchor overboard while Bob reversed the engine. He said that it would be useless to start fishing until the tide went slack, but boredom got the best of all three of us so we baited up with some dyed mussel,

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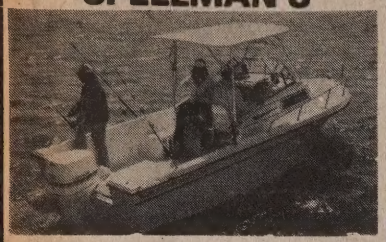

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lowered our rigs and hoped for the best.

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"Keep 'em coming," Bob said, "It will all be over soon." Eighty fish later, we were all getting tired of baiting the hooks and reeling up fish.

Within a moment the current drew the anchor line taut and began to race once again. As if someone had turned off a light switch, the flounder stopped biting and the spot seemed barren of life once more. "That was the most incredible fishing I have ever had for flounder," I said, "When can we do it again?"

Well, the chance of doing it again was slim because the afternoon had arrived and it would be well into the night before the next slack tide. We headed back toward Nassau Point and fished for another hour or so before calling it quits. Back at Captain Marty's we filleted well over a hundred flatties while some of the other boats that had been fishing beside us only had ten fish or so to their credit. They were all using rigs that were similar to ours and they were using chum. From what these other anglers told us, we deduced that the reason for their small catch was the fact that they didn't work their pot often enough, instead letting it sit idle on the bottom. A moving pot releases chum, thus forming a slick while a stationary one is almost as good as using no pot at all. Also, our pot was well weighted and a well weighted pot helps to stir up the bottom as well as remaining right below the boat.

Flounder action in western Peconic Bay usually gets under way around the first or second week of April and moves eastward towards Shelter Island and Gardiner's as the season progresses. The first place to seek out large quantities of these 2 to 3 lb. flatties are: Nassau Point, the South Race, the Sandslide (an area just due south of Nassau Point), Cedar Beach Point and Hog Neck Bay. When mid-April arrives, take your fishing to Conklin Point, Jessup's and South Ferry or, if you are willing to take the trip around Orient, Petty's Bight starts to produce well at this time. With the advent of May, the areas around Gardiner's become productive and the fish will be noticeably larger; often ranging to 3 and 4 lbs. When fishing in unfamiliar waters, use your anchor as a guide to the best fishing spots. Flounder frequent those bottoms that are rich in crustaceans and mollusks and are partial to areas where sand and mud are mixed. When you haul your anchor, check the composition of the bottom stuck to its flukes. Generally, if the mud is foul smelling, it is not good flounder habitat and you should look elsewhere.

When fishing in the Peconics, the type of rig you will be using will vary according to the depth and the speed of the water you will be fishing in. In fast moving water exceeding 20 feet, a plain rig tied with a single hook or two hooks in tandem will be more productive. The plain rig will have less drag in the current allowing you to use lighter lines and less lead to hold bottom. Using a lighter line and a lighter sinker enables you to use a lighter rod which give you better "feel" in the deeper water where it is needed. Often, I will add a rubber twister tail or colored beads to this rig when they are needed, but I will also add a lead split shot to the rig so that it will continue to lie flat on the bottom. Yellow, red and chartreuse are popular colors for attracting flounder but, if the fish are biting heavily, refrain from adding extras to your rig. Too much terminal tackle often detracts from the fight of the fish.

If you are fishing shoal water, that is, water not exceeding 15 feet in depth, plain rigs are the exception rather than the rule. One of the best rigs I have used in shoal water was shown to me by Bob Santiago. The rig consists of two hooks (I use #8 Wide Gap) separated by surgical tubing used as a spreader. Shoal water is usually stagnant but the surgical tubing is buoyant and floats in the water just enough to animate the baits which, in turn, attract the fish. You can add twister tails or beads to this rig if you wish but recently I have found that light sticks, the kind that glow in the dark when you bend them, forced into the tubing, are a definite plus on finicky flatties. The sticks are inexpensive and are a fine attractant in murky water. Once, while drift fishing an area known as the Sand Slide, I almost doubled my hook-ups on those drifts with a light stick on my rig.

To fish the Peconics successfully you will need to bring a few of the rigs I have mentioned or similar substitutes. A good selection of sinkers ranging from one to eight ounces are needed and you should be constantly changing them, substituting lighter ones for heavier ones as the current slackens and increasing the weight as it begins to move. Bait can be mussels (preferably dyed red or yelllow with food coloring), sand worms, blood worms or clam. The hooks you will

use will be either Beak, Wide Gap, Sproat, O'Shaughnessy, Carlisle or the old favorite, Chestertown in sizes nos. 6 to 9.

When using mussel or clam, it is often hard to keep the bait on the hook. Recently, a friend of mine, Charlie Kuhn, remedied this problem by wrapping various colored chenille (pipe cleaner) or tinsel on the shank of his hooks. He dubbed his product the "Fuzzy Worm" and not only does the color of the tinsel and chenille help attract the fish, but it also serves well as a holder for the mussel and clam bait. When tied on a Chestertown hook, the chenille also prevents the fish from taking the hook too deeply and facilitates the rebaiting process.

When it comes to a rod and reel choice, a rod from 5 to 6 feet long is the best choice and it should be stout enough to handle 3 ounces of lead on the average. Any medium action rod will do just fine. The reel you choose should be any of the smaller level winds such as: the Penn 920, 9MS, the Daiwa 27H or Shimano GRN 100 GT. These reels will suit the purpose just fine and are simple to use.

The Peconic Bays are still relatively underfished when compared to the more populated areas to the west and the more popular areas at the end of each fork, but it is still the traditional fishing ground for the dyed-in-the-wool flounder fanatic. Most fishermen enjoy fishing in the Peconics not so much for its abundance of fish but for the small numbers of fishermen that frequent the area. Often, you can fish an entire day without having another boat within a hundred yards and all the fellows I have met there have been friendly and courteous when it comes to telling a beginner where to go and how to fish these areas properly.

Once, returning from a favorite spot of mine near West Neck, I met a weather beaten bearded old man who had been fishing not more than 50 feet from me the entire day. When I asked him how he had caught more than twice the fish that I had, he said that he had no secret but you must work for the flounder, work the pot, keep the rig on the bottom and pay strict attention to the fishing.

"I was doing everything that you were doind," I said, "I was working the pot, keeping the rig on the bottom and I was paying attention to the fishing."

"No you weren't sonny," he replied.

"What do you mean," I said getting a bit annoyed with his remark.

"You were too busy watching me," he said, "and you forgot to pay attention to what you were doing."

"I guess you are right," I said with a bit of trepidation, "but I think you had a better spot than I."

"The Peconics are full of good spots," he said, "it just takes a little time and effort to learn about them."

"Could you show me?" I asked.

"Sure," he said.

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NO FOOLISH FLOUNDER

Part Two — *by Matt Ahern*

Last week's article discussed flounder tackle, rigging, and if, when, and why terminal tackle should or should not be used. There was also a bit on hooks. If you're interested, give that article a check as we continue on with reasons why there are no foolish flounder.

Take shore fishing, for instance.

Now, experienced flounder fishermen know flounder must be hunted, but many beginners haphazardly select a shore-fishing spot, get the bait out to where they hope fish might be, and then sit or stand for hours without a bit of luck. If you are one of these "beginners," what did you do wrong?

You overlooked the fact that flounder must be hunted. If the fishing gods are smiling your way, you might hit into a gathering of feeding flounder with your first cast—but don't count on it. And this applies whether you are fishing from shore or a boat. You **must** know your fish! There is no substitute for fishing knowledge—ever! The mere fact that you can make beautiful, flawless casts from shore or a boat is no guarantee you'll come home with fish.

When I first began my fishing career some 60 odd years ago, an old-timer told me that for a fisherman to be successful, he must study his fish, and study them well. I'm here to say that old-timer knew from whence he spoke. The latest in the tackle makers art will avail you naught if you have but lukewarm curiosity about the fish you seek—be they flounder or marlin. Should you have no interest in the fish's lifestyle, if you care not how it breeds and spawns, how many eggs each female is capable of releasing and when, what it prefers to feed on at certain times of the year—all such things that good fishermen know—you will not go far in the fishing game. It's as simple as that.

For instance, I've been chasing flounder for a good many years, but I never stop asking questions. Even when I'm certain I know the answers, I'll ask anyway. No man knows all there is to know about fishing (and he never will). The fellow who believes he does and acts as if he does, is no more than an obnoxious bore—a bore who will get nowhere in our sport. Keep a low profile and an open mind—always.

Were I to rent a skiff in a strange area tomorrow, I would certainly check with the station owner as to the location of the best spots. I might do a little exploration of my own during some part of the day, but I would take the advice of the man who is in a position to know his neck of the woods better than I.

Carmark Chart of Shinnecock Bay.

Asking questions certainly seems like common sense, but you'd be surprised how many fellows fishing a strange locality feel that to do so is indeed embarrassing. These are the fellows who seem also to feel that there is some sort of stigma attached to being a novice. They'd rather gamble on finding fish on their own, which, unless they are blessed with a huge dollop of good luck, is extreme foolishness indeed. Certainly, if such fishermen return fishless, they can't in all fairness blame the area.

Still hesitant about asking questions on where those flounder are? Fret not; I've got the solution.

Go to your nearest tackle shop and ask for a Carmark Bay Chart for Sport Fishing. (It sells for about $8.) This chart is laminated on heavy paper and done so well that I believe it will last you a lifetime. The chart shows in detail every fishing area from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Bay. It gives depth of water and pinpoints those areas flounder, fluke, blackfish, sea bass, porgies and even stripers congregate. I honestly think you can't miss. In fact, I helped spot the Shinnecock Bay areas I fish for flounder, fluke, blackfish, porgies and sea bass. They're down there, too.

Here's why I think knowledge of a fishing area is extremely important.

At the time, I'd been fishing flounder in the Island Park area for ten years, and I thought I knew the area well. Surely, I knew where all the better flounder spots were. Ha! One morning just as I was ready to shove off, the dock boy asked why I always rowed so far down the channel. (There weren't many reliable outboard engines those days.) All I had to do, the dock boy said, was to row to the railroad trestle and anchor 25 feet south of the drawbridge—a matter of fewer than five minutes at the oars. There was a high spot there, the boy told me, formed from the old channel dredgings. I found the fishing just as good (not better) as in any of my old spots. What added insult to injury was the fact that I was rowing over that particular spot every time I went out. And what also annoyed me was

the thought that I hadn't been doing my homework, for I should have reasoned that the possibility of such a high spot did exist, as I certainly knew the area. However, the point is that had I asked the obvious question years before, I would have saved myself much lost fishing time.

Remember, though, fish do move about a particular area—no matter how good the fishing your last time out, or how glowing the report. If those fish are not immediately forthcoming in a known producing area, all you have to do is drift around a bit until you locate them. They won't be far off. Once a fish or two responds, get some mussel chum going. It is then when a sand or bloodworm, or a narrow strip of soft clam neck (minus the black skin) will work wonders. Remember to allow at least a third of an inch to wiggle enticingly in the current.

When shore fishing, if the fish do not respond within a reasonable length of time, move away about 25 feet and try again. You've got to become a hunter. Once located, you should have good action for awhile. When the fishing slows, move off another 25 feet.

When boat fishing at anchor, bounce your sinker a few times, then wait for a bite. If there's no action, cautiously lift the rod tip and feel for a possible "sneaky" flounder. This type of flounder fishing often produces well on cloudy days, one that is accompanied by an east wind. Don't ask me why, for I can't tell you; but I do know it works on such days.

If you intend fishing before mid-April, look for deeper spots in your planned area that contain mud. Later, as waters warm, flounder will fan out over the shallower flats, but rarely before. If the day is cloudy, stick to the deeper areas. Remember, the colder the water temperature, the deeper you must go to find your fish. As noted in last week's article, I have fished flounder in mid-February, but only at the 40 foot depths. I absolutely could not catch a fish on the shallower flats before late March or into early April. Now, if those areas you fish have an average of ten feet of water, you might have to wait until later in the season. This is why the deep water bays and creeks produce early flounder (these are usually found in the western end of Long Island), and why "out east" flounder fishing gets off to a slow start most spring seasons. By the time these eastern areas get going well, flounder fishing in the western bays has slowed somewhat. This is not a hard, fast rule, but it applies more often than not.

Catching spring flounder is not difficult, but there's more to it than just putting bait on a hook. There's no doubt you will catch flounder, but just how many and what you do to improve your chances is up to you.

Just remember: there are no foolish flounder!

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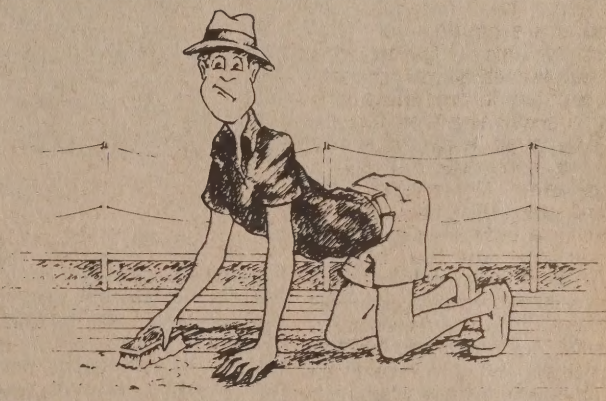

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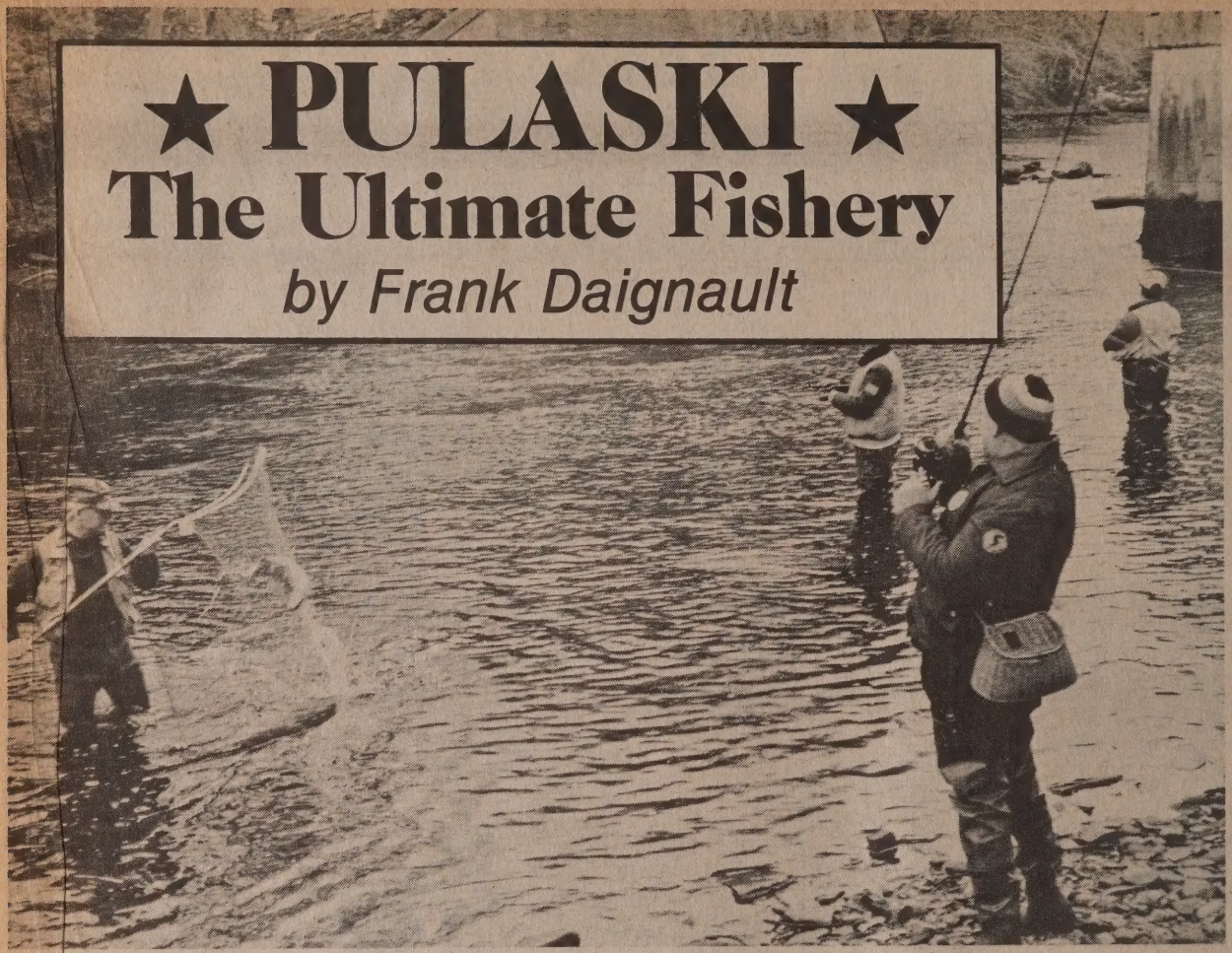


It's one of those rare situations where the reality surpasses all your dreams of what trout fishing is supposed to be. Face it, when you fish around here an 18 inch rainbow is a brute and anything over 20 inches ends up pictured in the sport page of your local paper. In Pulaski, New York you cannot catch a trout under that size! Moreover, no regular up there would walk 20 feet to look at a 12 pound fish.

Depending upon the season there are up to 10 months of fishing in Pulaski's Salmon River. About the only time when you cannot catch trout or salmon in the river, the boats are mohawking with downriggers in Lake Ontario—July and August. Thus, Pulaski ends up a year-long proposition for one species or other of trout or salmon. Coho and chinook finished up in the last couple of weeks, the fall run browns are spent and dropping back and rainbow or steelhead have just gotten started. Of them all, it is the latter that provide the longest, most sustained, fishery in the river. These will begin early November and run all winter long until the end of April. Here you can catch a five pounder, though the smallest I ever took the first three years there was seven. But on average the steelhead run 9 to 11 with an occasional 15 or so and a river/state record of in the low 20s. They say that November is the best month because there are many fish and all are bright and fresh from the lake. Pressure is dropped off now because locals are burned out from the October salmon run and everybody is off hunting. But there is really no big hurry because new fish are filtering in all winter long; there is even a local saying that the river gets a new stocking every night with fresh steelies from the lake. I know that there is no bad month between now and April. The fish will always be there, but you are at the mercy of conditions.

Three conditions can strongly influence the outcome of your trip: crowds, water levels, and temperatures. Moreover, these variables are all related. A majority of the fishermen who question me about fishing there want to go when temperatures are favorable to fishing; they seem to fear the bitter cold winter months: January and February. Consequently, they, and everybody else, tend to plan their trips in November, December and April. What they forget is that everybody is after the same thing and a sameness in planning overruns the place. You can get lucky, as we did four consecutive Februaries and experience a winter thaw. But any out-of-season warming melts snow and can bring on a flood that will make fishing impossible. Strangely, the very thing that we seek to avoid—the cold—presents us with the best social and natural conditions. As long as temperatures are below freezing, none of the major pools are going to be crowded. Moreover, the river will not, cannot, flood while moisture is being stored in the form of snow. It is an extreme example and I would prefer not to have too many days like that, but on a day when the temperature was around zero, five of us stood at Trestle Pool hooking a steelhead every cast. Problem was that after one drift, guides were fouled with ice and the last 15 feet of mono had to be hauled up on the shore—if not attached to a steelhead. And, it took a few minutes standing near a smoky fire to bring your body back into control. But at least if you wanted to make a cast you could count upon the others to either be chasing downstream or recuperating. Speed of the river was perfect.

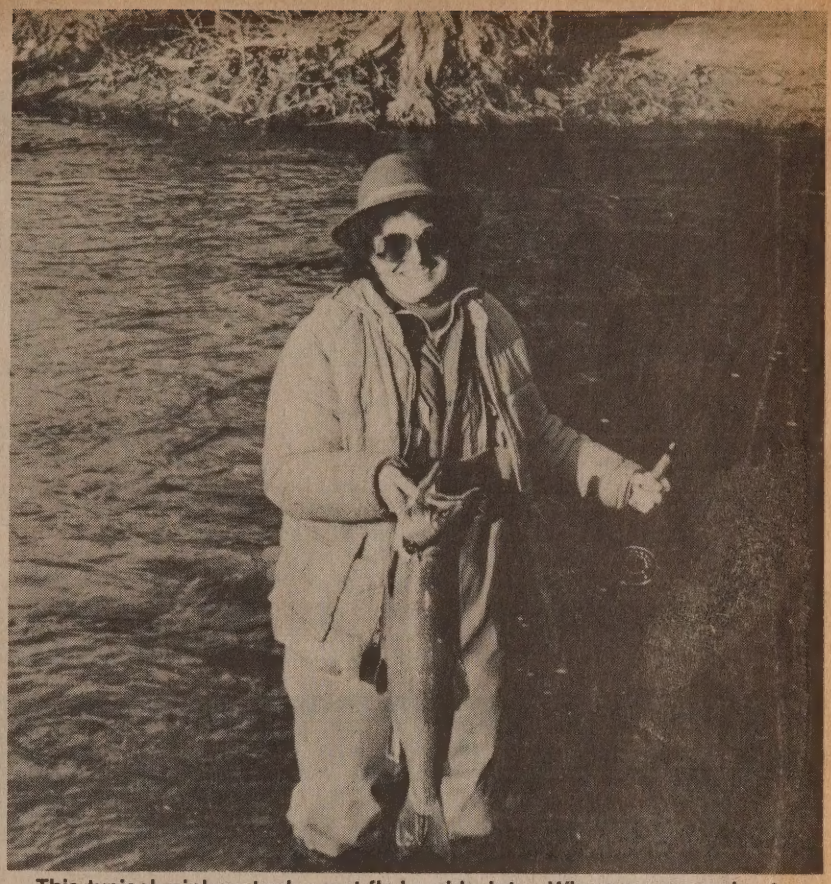
Face it, time depending, these are the circumstances of winter. The weather presents certain risks, but don't get the feeling that the climate on Lake Ontario's eastern shore is that harsh. It seems to me to be about equal to that of Central Mass. What is different there is that lake snow, an almost daily event, piles up from cold air flowing from the west across the open lake and the effect of snow is nowhere as adverse as that of the cold.

Of course, there are a number of

creeks, Sandy, Little Sandy, Little Salmon, to name only some, that have steelhead runs of their own. These are all in the area, under 15 miles and can act as a worthy alternative to the Salmon River should it go into flood either due to rain, snow melt, or both. But we hasten to underline that these lesser creeks, while suffering less angling pressure, do produce an average weight of steelhead that is smaller, say five or six pounds. Back to the Salmon River.

Any time we talk of this river the issue of snagging or lifting of fish comes up. The custom has come to be tantamount to social disease for the place. In a way the area gets what it deserves because early fall, September/October, they are porking, jigging, foul-hooking the holy bejabbers out of coho and chinook. They do this to fish that will die anyway. Problem is that it spills over, to a much lesser degree, into species of trout or salmon that are not going to die and that will readily take a bait or lure. Those who view Pulaski from a distance unfairly tend to associate these dastardly acts as a year-round custom. It seems an incessant tendency for those who have never been there to think that ALL fishing in the Salmon is clandestinely foul. Fact is that steelhead fishing, November to April, is so good through customary angling methods that it is not necessary to take fish unfairly, illegally. Yes, I've seen the law broken (we can no more make generalizations in defense of the place than we can against it), but it was always by someone who did not know how to fish the river. Certainly someone who does will have more trout than he knows what to do with.

River levels are controlled by the Niagara-Mohawk Power Company. The average, routine generating schedule in winter is for them to turn up the water at 8AM, then shut it down sometime during the following night. Thus the head or rise arrives at 9AM at Altmar Bridge, the furthest legal fishing upstream; 9:30 at Trestle Pool, 11 at Sportsman's Pool and sometime after noon in downtown Pulaski. Consequently, you could find yourself fishing under different sets of conditions regarding water level. While the river is low the steelhead are gathered in pools where if fished for too hard, they tend to be edgy and nervous over the hitting of sinkers on the water. A general rule might be to avoid fishing in crowds when the water is down. However, if you can locate a good holding place where you are alone and quietly drift past them from above they will take quite readily. But as has been said in print so many times, you have to come by with bait very close to their sometimes zippered maws. If temperatures are marginally freezing or above, this is a perfect situation for the fly fisherman who is willing to drift a fast sinking line with one of the many effective steelhead patterns. Moreover, during low water one does not have to fight the current to the same degree that he will later. We emphasize temperature here because it is not possible to fly cast if freezing occurs too quickly; fly lines pick up and hold far more water than mono. You'll be able to get by down to 25 degrees. Naturally, if your preference is to fish spinning you can cast and drift during low water by simply cutting down upon the amount of lead used.



This typical rainbow took a wet fly in mid-winter. Where are you going to get fish like this?

Once the power head arrives at your pool the water is too fast for fly fishing. Spin fishing gear has to have head added to assure a drift that "ticks" the bottom. Also, there is a law of cussedness in place here that doles the most hits to those drifting the lightest lines. You can hook fish all day with four pound and land one if you're lucky; six pound test is the choice of regulars; and nervous travelers—like you and I who want to hold a dream fish in our hands—are better off with eight. Those who use 10 lb. don't believe what they are told and have to settle for hooking one steelhead per day. The problem with heavy line is that it is pushed too hard by the flow causing the bait to drift past takers too quickly and usually, lead depending, too high. When we talk about arrival of the power head, the rise, this is a significant time to be on the river. I'm not sure if it is the increased flow that excites them into striking, the additional water makes them more secure, or, if there is a general upstream movement in the river celebrating the opportunity, but the first hour of the rise gets pretty blitzy. And if your particular upstream pool is getting crowded and you long to experience another rise, you can jump into your car and run downstream to another pool for more self-indulgence.

We don't zero in too closely on methods here both because of space and the knowledge that most of the river boys will be more than happy to help you out. Unlike so many fisheries where limited resources cause the regulars to guard every secret, there is so much fish here that few would begrudge you a little joy. Notice how many 12 or 15 pound rainbows slide quietly back into the river. Same with the tackle shops. Bring what you think you need, but when you go into a tackle shop for your license tell, the guy you don't know anything, that it is the first time and that you want to catch a big rainbow. Ask him to sell you what you need and rig up your line for you. When you are digging into your pocket it goes a long way toward getting the shop proprietor to open up. One thing about this fishery is that they know up there that if you have a good time, as I have, you'll go back, spending money and keeping them in business. It was not too long when the Salmon River was a zero. Everybody in business knows that

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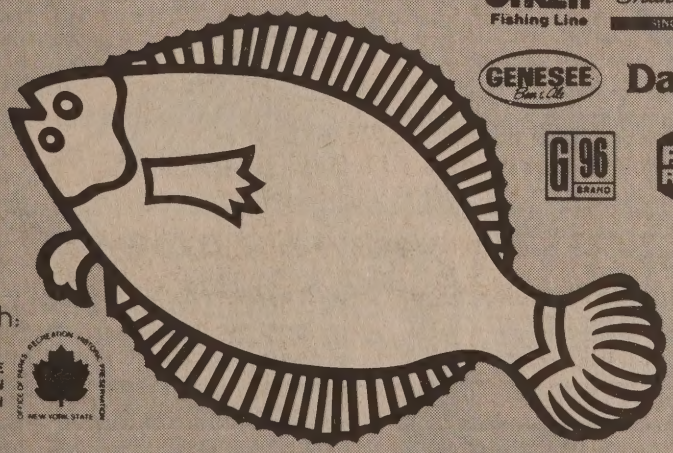

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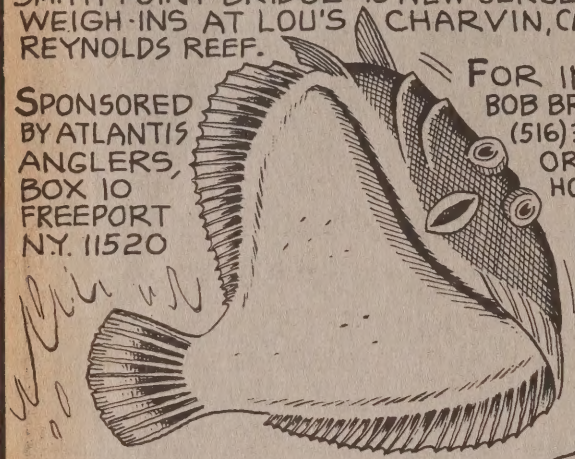

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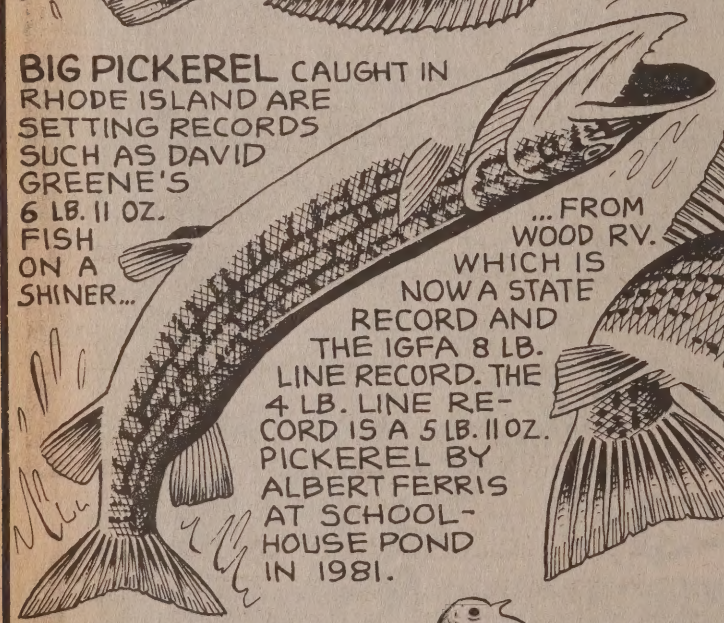

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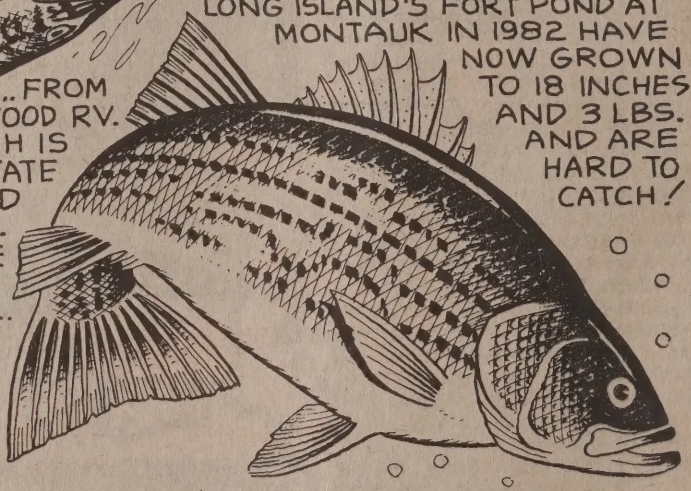

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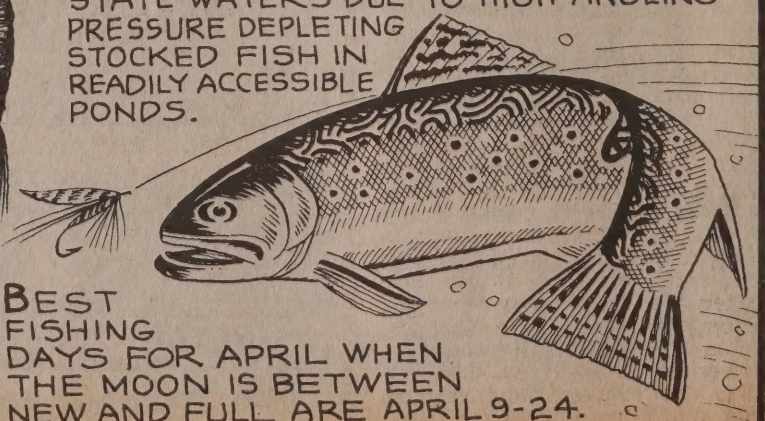

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East End REPORT

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Easter brought mild weather which encouraged many anglers to explore traditional early flounder spots, and, meeting with success. Almost all early spots in the Peconic and Southold Bays, Acabonack Harbor on the east end, Heady Creek and Bouy 17 in Shinnecock held hungry flounder. Cod catches are picking up. Very good reports of blackfish at Montauk prompted one marina to order green crabs for the weekend.

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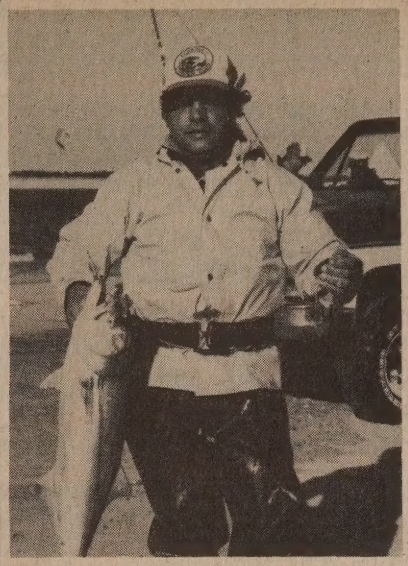
Captain Chuck Mallinson reported a great day on Friday's maiden voyage for cod aboard the **Joy-Sea**. A couple of dozen cod and pollock were caught by Sam Puma and friends Ike and Frank. Ike accounted for a fourty pound cod and also had three fish in the twenty pound range. This catch is one of the first on rod and reel in inshore waters at the Point.

Captain Steve Mauss called to inform us that the **Kraken III** is all geared for the spring run of cod, pollock and snowshoe flounder and is in the water at **Captains Cove Marina**.

Although Saturday's charter was cancelled due to windy conditions, anglers on the charter boat **Vivienne** did catch a couple of dozen cod on Friday fishing south of Block Island. Captain John DeMaio reported the fish were up to twenty pounds in weight.

Captain Michael Potts of the **Bluefin IV** located twenty codfish on Thursday near Cartwright and twenty one cod at Block Island on Friday with the D'Andrea group. Most were in the five to ten pound range, with some in the fifteen pound class. Best day however, was Saturday with the Lake group when an all day pick near Cartwright resulted in thirty-one cod and pollock of mixed sizes, top weight twenty-five pounds. Larger fish were located on Easter Sunday with several anglers who caught fifteen cod and pollock with the cod ranging from fifteen to twenty-five pounds. Call for charter information.

A group from General Motors, led by Bob Edson, caught about sixty cod (most under ten pounds) on the charter boat **Lori-Jay** on Friday. Fishing was done at Coxes Ledge. Saturday's winds made it prudent to stay near Block Island, where tough fishing conditions resulted in about a dozen codfish for Peter Jaenesh and his General Motors group. Captain



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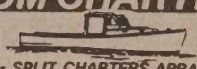

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Jay Rigano noted that his records, going back ten years, indicates that the best codfishing at Montauk usually takes place beginning in mid April.

Seventy anglers on the **Viking Starship** caught about 220 codfish, fishing Coxes Ledge on Friday, with the high hook taking eleven cod. Pool fish was a twenty-five pounder. Saturday's winds caused bad drifting conditions, according to Captain Paul Forsberg, resulting in a catch of about sixty fish. Last Thursday, seven anglers caught twenty-seven cod from ten to thirty pounds on the CIA grounds.

Starship regulars, Harvey Minkoff and Dennis O'Donald will be featured on Long Island Fishing, Friday at 7:00 p.m. on WLIG-TV (UHF Channel 55). Video footage of Georges Bank cod will be seen, as well as a discussion of the types of gear to take on these trips.

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Captain Barry Kohlus, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina**, stated that things are looking good for a spring run of cod, since cod, mixed with blackfish were located at Cartwright over the past week.

Carl Darenberg of the **Montauk Marine Basin** reports that, while cod catches are a little slow, blackfish have picked up the slack, with many more blackfish than cod in local waters. Some boats returned with as many as twenty to thirty blackfish this past week, with some fish hitting the eleven pound mark on the scale. Green crabs have been ordered and should be in by the weekend, along with mussels, clams and worms.

Captain Ron Grandinetti will begin fishing for cod, pollock and flounder next week, and has a few spring dates available. Call him for dates and rates on the **Julie III**.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Cathy Nichols, who drowned in Montauk Harbor over the weekend. Cathy will be remembered as the cheerful, hardworking mate on the **Mako Express** and will be greatly missed.

SOUTH FORK

Bunny Cox of **Harbor Marina** reported a catch of fifteen flounder to two pounds, made by Bud Stafford in Acabonack Harbor on Good Friday. Bud reportedly fished both sides of the tide using mussels as bait. Indications are that with warm

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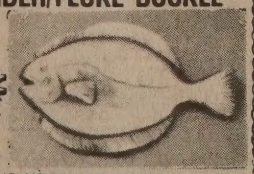

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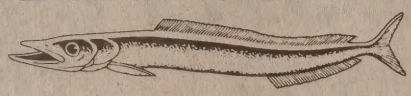

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weather continuing, fish should be stirring in **Three Mile Harbor** by the weekend. **Harbor Marina** is well stocked with bait.

Chris Salb from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** had a few rental boats out over the holiday weekend. They returned with anywhere from twelve to twenty fish per boat. Areas producing flounder included Cedar Point, South Ferry and Gibson's (Mashomack Point). An exploratory trip into the cove at **Sag Harbor** resulted in over fourty fish, most from one to one and a quarter in warmish water.

Captain Artie Lach located flounder for customers on the **Wilhelric II** on both Friday and Saturday, fishing the usual early spots. Flounder were caught at Cedar Beach, Conklin's Point, Oyster Factory, South Ferry and the Caretakers, during two days of fishing. Captain Lach stated that the fish were feeding on quarterdecks and was relieved that these were not damaged by last years brown algae since Peconic flounder feed primarily on them. The **Wilhelric II** will sail daily at 7:00 a.m. with either Captain Artie or Captain Clark at the helm. While high hook this past weekend was eight to ten fish, warmer weather forcast this week will soon increase the numbers.

Thom Speckenback heard of flounder caught on boats fishing inside and outside Heady Creek over the weekend. Bouy 17 (Shinnecock) has started to come alive as well. Anglers fishing the Shinnecock Canal in crowded conditions, are averaging anywhere from three to twelve flounder apiece, with the best producing area under the Montauk Highway Bridge. A few fishermen able to fish the ocean during the few calm spells, returned to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** with blackfish caught on the Bridge Wreck. Thom suggests trying the following areas in the Peconics: Towd Point, Sebonac Bay, Noyac Creek. These are usually tried and true early flounder spots.

Joe Corr heard a rumor of commercial mackerel catches taken around the fourty fathom line, indicating a good probability of the little torpedos showing up within our reach in about two weeks. Dennis and

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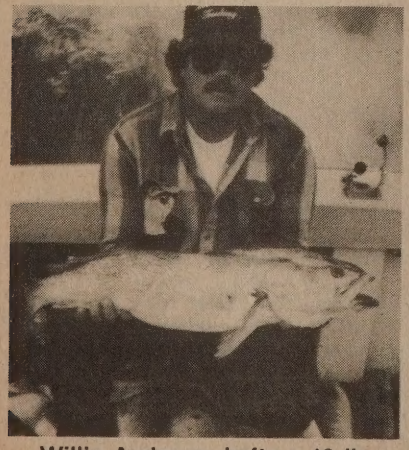

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Walter who berth their boat at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton**, located a few flounder at Heady Creek and also a few small flatties in the Basket (Shinnecock). The latter area should come alive in mid April.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing moved into full swing with the recent dose of spring-like weather. Private boatmen capitalized on the action as well as open boat fares and rental skiff anglers. The upcoming week's forecast of continued mild temperatures will do nothing to hurt the fishing.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based open boat **Alma** reported good fishing taking place between Buoys 22 thru 29. He called Friday's action terrific with Pete DeVita accounting for over 50 flatties on the full day trip. A couple of regulars (Lorry & Joe) counted 44 flatties for their efforts while other anglers had catches in the 30s. Saturday's fishing was a tough pick due to the wind. The same Pete DeVita returned on Saturday and could manage only 10 flounder. Sunday was back to top form with catches of 12 to 30 flatties per man on the two half day trips. The skipper noted that water temperature in mid-bay is now up to 48 degrees with warmer water temperatures found towards Narrow Bay. Beginning next Saturday, both boats will be in service and the Alma will be sailing a daily schedule with Sundays' trips continuing as half days.

Over at **L & M Marineland**, Larry Daillaire reported that his rental boats continue to take fish from buoys 7 and 52 in the Quogue Canal. On Friday, Joe Hirch, Mike Wild, Tom Lentz and Richie Drake worked buoy 7 to the tune of 83 flatties to 1½ pounds. They used heavy mussel and corn chum and sandworm bait. Saturday's fishing was off due to the wind and the station was closed on Easter Sunday.

Speaking from **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich reported very good flounder fishing taking place between buoys 27 and 29 off of the Marcos Mansion. Fish are being taken on both tides with moving water being the key. On Friday, George Linkus, Charlie Coffie and Chino Rufino totaled 104 flatties for their efforts. Saturday, despite a stiff breeze, a couple of boats still managed big scores while others managed only a slow pick. Heavy chum and waiting out the fish proved to make a big difference. Gary labeled Easter Sunday a banner day with all boats returning with excellent catches.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Joey Modica of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** relayed word that Guy Tucker and Bob O'Keif totalled 35 flounder including one that tipped the scale at 2 pounds 4 ounces during a mid-week trip off of Ocean Beach. Lou, Danny and Marion Avosso worked the Quogue Canal on Wednesday for 29 flatties. They too had a 2.4 pounder among their catch. On Thursday, Gene and Bill Tingwall found 20 nice keepers off of Heckscher State Park. They returned many fish as well. Some flounder action continued off of the local docks. Anthony Molesi stopped to show several keeper flatties taken from the Patchogue L Dock at the end of South Ocean Avenue. Clay Hardman and Tony "Lo" kept 55 out of 85 flatties taken from the Quogue Canal. They fished near the first bridge and reported that fish averaged about ¾ pound but they did have one 2¼ pounder among them. Joey also relayed word that there has been a decent showing of fish in the vicinity of the Smith Point Bridge. A reminder that on Saturday, April 19th, J & J Tackle will host Penn Fishing Tackle Rep Chris Nolte who will demonstrate the proper use and techniques of downriggers. Also on hand to answer questions concerning Bomber plugs, Red Ball waders and Lamiglas blanks will be Dick Mermon.

Good flounder reports filtering in from a number of areas in the bay according to Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. He named Range Channel, Ocean Beach, Buoy 4-Heckscher, Buoy 2-East Islip, Dickerson Channel and Snake Hill Channel as all having produced good catches of flounder this past week and weekend. Among the anglers reporting back was Carl Satruzi who kept 18 nice flatties fishing the north end of Range Channel on Saturday. Some activity also from the Sayville Town Dock. On Friday, Jerry Burns fishing with his daughters 9 year old Beth Ann and 6 year old Allison, caught 8 keepers on worms.

Carl Miller reported that **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** is back in full swing. This was his first full weekend of operation and he was very

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encouraged by the positive flounder reports he received. He knew of good scores made in Dickerson Channel and also at Buoy 4, north of Heckscher. Stu Blumberg aboard his 'Stu's Revenge' counted 32 flatties up to a pound and a half for his efforts in Dickerson Channel on Saturday. He returned Easter Sunday to tally 24 nice fish between 1 and 1½ pounds. Eric Ramsey of the Bay Shore private boat 'Carpet Bagger' worked the same grounds on Friday and put away 30 nice flatties. Carl noted that mussel or clam chum is a must and that worms, clams and mussels are all working in the bait department. He mentioned too that his son Richard did a job on sea run trout in the Connetquot River throughout the winter and early spring using small 1½ inch Cyalume Lunker Sticks.

The **Captree** open boat fleet has enjoyed some banner days with the flatties though there were a couple of fair days mixed among them this past week. Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported a mixture of fair to very good days all week. Fish range anywhere from ½ to 2 pounds. Easter Sunday was a banner day with fishing done south of Patchogue and at the Cherry Grove Bar. Bill Heinrich and three friends counted over 100 flatties for the day. Sam Wald bagged 30 fish, Jim and Kevin MacNamara had 65 between them and Carl's brother Vinnie managed to put away 37 fish himself.

Concerning the weekend's action, Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** reported decent fishing on Friday and Saturday for mixed size fish. Most fares averaged 8 to 12 keepers though some managed to do considerably better. Sunday was a big day for everyone aboard with many averaging 25 fish apiece and most of them falling into the 1 pound class. Gordon has been working from Heckscher Park east to Sayville.

The open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported catches ranging from 10 up to 35 flatties per man on the weekend. Capt. George Tweedy has been working opposite Sayville and also near Buoy 12-Ocean Beach.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** filed a thorough report concerning the week's fishing. He spoke of good action all week long with the exception of Saturday which he labeled a slow to fair pick. On Wednesday, working in Range Channel, he watched Ed Moony and Dennis Duchnowski total 61 keepers between ¾ and 1¼ pounds. On Thursday, Virginia and Bill Kilgore totaled 76 keepers between them. They ranged between ¾ and 2 pounds. Good Friday, according to the skipper lived up to its name in grand fashion as a big crowd hauled more than 800 flatties over the rail. Fish ranged anywhere from a half on up to the 2.2 pound pool winner. Fishing again was north of Buoy 30 in the Range Channel area. John and Jim Powell and Lauren DeAngelo caught 66 keepers including the pool fish. Saturday saw catches drop to only 5 to 8 per man but Sunday bounced back with very good fishing again. Fishing was done east of the Blue Point line. Henry Clark of Brooklyn showed the way by putting 61 flatties into his cooler. Anthony and Gail Noto combined for an impressive total of 59 fish.

On Saturday I joined one of Great South Bay's more adept flatfish anglers. Fishing with Peter Jakits of the 'Rainbow Runner' and his friend Ben, the three of us put away more than 50 flatties, many in the 1 to 1½ pound range working Buoy 2-East Islip and north of West Island. Clam chum and stirring the bottom keyed the action while clams led the way in the bait department.

Good flounder fishing this week

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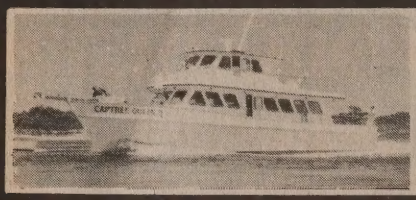

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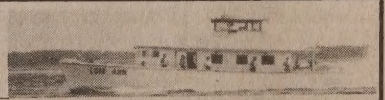

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despite a fair amount of wind reported Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. On Wednesday, Capt. Jim of the 'Six Pack' with his buddy Walter took 25 flatties to a pound and a half on incoming water at Dickerson Channel and Buoy 2. On Friday, Gaspar Garaputo, Bob Harvey and Ben Magee counted 55 keepers while working east of Heckscher. On Sunday, George Burns, his friend Carl and Carl's six year old son Eric totaled 30 flatties to a pound and a quarter working the Buoy 2 area. Capt. Jim McCoy of the B.C.A. charter boat 'Capt. Hook' reported 2 dozen nice flatties on both Friday and Saturday.

Capt. Bob Neubauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported good flounder fishing on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. He worked the Heckscher area early in the week and enjoyed a good pick of fish in the State Channel near Lindenhurst and Gilgo on Sunday.

Capt. 'Doc' Grell called to report some good flounder action in Dickerson Channel this week with some anglers on the open boat trips putting away as many as 25 flatties apiece. A reminder that the **Moby Dick** is currently sailing open for flounder, Wednesday through Sunday at 8AM.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** had no specifics to report but did confirm that some good flounder catches are being made at Dickerson's Channel, the Lindenhurst Cut and in Massapequa Cove. Dickerson's seems to have the edge in the size department.

Chester Shew, speaking from **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that owner Ralph Angelillo teamed with Glenn Rankin on Thursday. The pair kept 75 flatties out of over 100 fish taken from local haunts. They used bloodworms and mussels and mussel chum. Other good catches of fish reported from Copiague Hole, Squaw Island, Massapequa Cove and the State Channel.

Dick Kissel and Joe Dallao who skippers the Captree charter boat Afterglow totaled 62 flounder to 2 pounds working the State Channel at Gilgo. This via Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. They used worms and mussels with yellow twister tail teasers and mussel chum to take their fish. On Friday, Fred Walters and Tom Claud aboard Fred's 'Reel Affair' put away 45 flatties working Buoy 2-East Islip with mussel bait and chum. On Sunday, Fred put away another 25 flatties, this time working the Amity Cut. Jerry Shotz of the 'Shotz-Sea' showed a pail full of fish taken on Friday in the State Channel between Lindenhurst and Amityville. He used worms, mussels and mussel chum.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pistera relayed word of some very good flounder scores coming from Massapequa Cove this week. He also knew that the State Channel between Lindenhurst and Amityville had been producing well. Several anglers reported good catches from the

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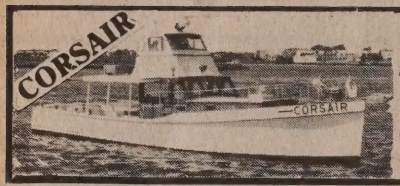

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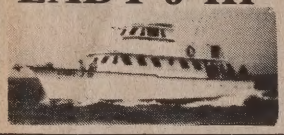

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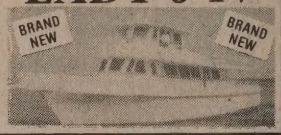

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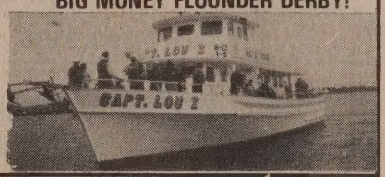

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West End REPORT

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More and more flounder pounders have been doing their thing, and with the warming weather and waters, catches have been fair to good with an occasional heavy hit. However, strong moon tides over the weekend slowed action up a bit. This coming week should be some strong fishing seen as the tides ease up and the water continues to warm. There's also been some cod taken at Cholera by private boaters.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over in Seaford, word from **Pop's Fishing Station** is of continued hot action, relatively speaking at Massapequa Cove with rental skiffs averaging 10 to 35 fish per boat. Flounder appear to be moving west toward the Wantagh Bridges and the drain and Squaw. Mussels have been working best with heavy chumming necessary. A falling tide has been optimum.

According to Lon Wanser, there's been some okay floundering right through the weekend, particularly at Massapequa Cove, Squaw and Zach's Bay. Massapequa resident Mike Schwartz took 39 flatties to 2 lbs. fishing Squaw. Lon says the piers have been fair as has Seamen's Neck park bulkhead. Best tides have been all around the high with worm and mussel bait. Chumming makes the difference, said the tackle dealer.

To the west in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** noted the best flounder action this past week has been in Merrick Bay at Rowboat Alley, Four Corners and the Massapequa Flats. Mussels and bloods have been working best with those chumming heavily getting the best catches. Mike weighed in an 18 inch flounder that tipped the scale at 2¼ lbs. Two hours all around the high has been the most productive. Warren Sr. and Jr. and Fred Schack bagged 41 flounder to 1½ lbs. in Merrick Bay on mussels and worms Friday. John Duckboat scored with 60 flatties to 1 lb. 10 oz. working Massapequa Cove, heavy on the chum. Saturday saw Al Culen by himself taking 73 good flounder to 1 lb. 10 oz. fishing Merrick Bay using lots of chum, throwing corn with worm as hook bait. On Friday one customer happily hoisted 10 nice cod from 11 to 18 lbs. and a small pollock.

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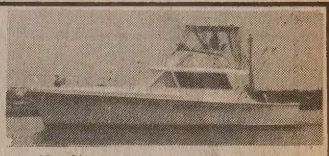

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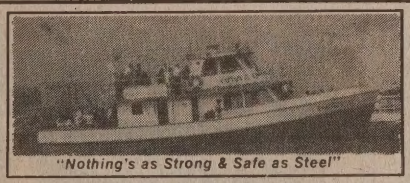

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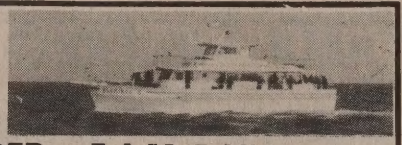

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In Bellmore, we hear from **Merrick Tackle** that Massapequa Cove and the Amityville area have been producing fairly well on all tides with chumming and stirring up the bottom extremely helpful. All baits have been working and many boats found a lot of moves were requried. Also a few off Jones Beach piers. Sizes have been mixed and outgoing has been best.

Randy Smith at **Garan's Tackle** knew that Massapequa Cove, Nicks Point and Merrick Bay and the Jones Beach piers have been yielding fish this week with some catches ranging into the "very good" category. Chumming's a must he advised. Worms have been working best with a couple of hours all around the high being the best time-wise.

Over in Freeport, Captain Jim of the **Super Spray II** called to say he is now flounder fishing on his 2 trip a day schedule.

Call through the marine operator, Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** told us about Ben Taylor on Saturday bagging a true 2½ lb. pool winner. Things slowed on the weekend said the skipper but action during the week was not bad. Please note the boat's new schedule which is Monday through Friday, one trip at 8AM to 2PM while on Saturday and Sunday, the boat will sail 2 trips for flounder from 8AM to 1PM and from 1:30PM to 5:30PM.

A call from the **Captain Lou** Fleet told of some very good floundering this week for both boats. Aboard the **CL III** Wednesday's high hook was in the high 30s, fish to 2 lbs., while Thursday saw Tom Donahue with 46 fish and Herb Schwartz with 42. Things slowed a little on the weekend said Mike due to the strong moon tides. On the **CL V** fishing 2 half day trips daily high hooks were from the high teens into the 20s per trip. Highlight of the week was Sunday's PM trip with over 600 flounder caught. George Kohen bagged 35 by himself. The fleet's flounder derby is nearly $700 said the skipper. All drops were local with mussel and red clam working best.

In nearby Point Lookout, we learned that the **Capt. Al** has had good flounder fishing this past week. Sunday's high hook was in the 20s with catches averaging 12 to 30 fish according to anglers skill. Al[illegible]lot of his bigger fish have been [illegible]at Squaw Island. Some double[illegible]have been noted and catches are being made all day long, with the shoals producing best.

From Captain Ronnie of the **Miss Point Lookout** we learn first of all tha the brand new boat is expected in approximately 3 weeks. She ought to be a doozy. This week's flounder action increased a whole lot said the skipper with many high hooks in the 20s. Thursday's PM trip saw Bob Manning with 16 including a 2 lb. pool fish while Bill S. had 23 and Donna 17. Saturday's AM excursion had Rick Steffer with a 1¼ lb. pool fish. Bob

Spinella bagged a 2 lber. for another pool in the PM, while high hook was 23. On Sunday's AM trip regular Steve was high hook with 18. Action was best at the changes in the inlet and in Reynolds both east and west of the bridge. Ron says this coming week should see very good catches with the fish active and no moon tides.

Over at **Scotty's Fishing Station** one skiff came back with 80 flounder on Saturday taken on mussel bait and mussel chum in Swift Creek. On Good Friday Pete Galati, Joe Arviczagno and Mike Ruggieri had 30 flounders from 3/14 to 2 lbs. taken on mussel, bait and chum. Both changes of tide were best. In general all the rental skiffs had good flounder.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of very good floundering Friday through Sunday with fish nice sized up to 2 lbs. The famous New Jersey trio had 30 fish working off the CG station and in the flats. Bill Sr. and Jr. and Joe Fretterd had 30 flounder Good Friday fishing west of the Meadowbrook Bridge, buoy 17 and sea dog creek. Heavy chumming was the ticket this past week along with worms on the hook. On Saturday Glen True and buddy also had 30 flounder o to 2 lbs. fishing Swift. Incoming tide worked best in this area.

We hear from **Long Beach Sports Marina** that Bay Park Saw fair action on sand worms and mussels this week. Also some fish were taken at Cement Block, buoy 9 and buoy 5. Bernie agreed heavy chumming is a necessity. Magnolia Pier also produced a few fish.

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook called the far right side of Bay park very good for flounder all week long with fish being nice size, according to Charlie B. In general, boats dishing out chum caught in decent numbers with the changes of tide producing best on mussel, worm and clam.

From Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** said his blackfish certificate of merit this week went to Andy Savino with four blackfish to 4 lbs. caught at 17 Fathoms this week. Fishing in Hempstead Lake, Joe Biondi had 8 pickerel to 2½ lbs. on night crawlers and spinners. Six largemouth bass to 3 lbs. were hooked and released also. Fred said his customers have been having a good pick on flounder all throughtout this past week.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Sitting smack on Jamaica Bay, john at **Crossbay Bait and Tackle** said that anglers fishing off both north and south channel bridges have been having good flounder catches, fish to 1¾ lbs. on worm and mussel.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** told of some flounder being caught at Navesink and Silver Hole, some very good sized blackfish being caught on the Jersey

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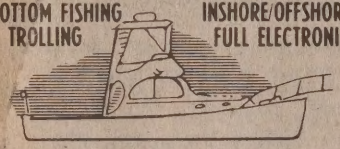
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side and scattered catches of ling.

In speaking with Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** the Wee one was in agreement that some fair catches of flounder have been made this pasat week mainly at the Navesink River and also some local spots in Jamaica Bay. Big blackfish are being caught said the wee one on the **Pilot II**, the area's blackfish specialist and the boat is having fair to goodcatches number wise.

Captain Walter Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** tells of a picky Friday on flounder, an improved Saturday and a very good pick of fish Sunday. Action really picked up on Easter Sunday with the Navesink River area producing best, fish mixed in sizes, best bai has been worm and mussel.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Rapidly warming waters in the western basins gave flatfishing a real push and anglers scored on the Sound to the west during the whole Easter weekend. Out east, deep waters were still cold and the winds on the Peconics blew out of the hope of most flatfish fans.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in New Rochelle recommended the shoreline fishing for steady action. However, there was one catch of a half dozen large flatties from a boat off Matinecock. **Jack's Bait** on City Island told us that there was good fishing off Half Moon Beach, Larchmont and in the Orchard Beach Lagoon in 8-15 feet of water. The livery will have its boats ready by this coming Friday.

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that Dosoris Pond, the face of Pryble Beach and Morgans were all producing flounder now. The trick was to stay 20 minutes or so in one spot and then move 50 feet along the shore for the next cast if there wee no takers.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** said that both his craft and the **North Star** were working dredged areas in Oyster Bay with good fishing the rule for the whole weekend, from Good Friday through Easter Sunday. Flounder were in 10 to 25 feet of water and were flocking behind the dredging rakes like birds to a planted field. Catches to 30 fish were possible with perhaps 8 to 10 large flounder in the bucket. The rest of the catch were fish in the 1/2 to 3/4 pound range. To show how popular the operation was over the

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weekend, there were repeats among the crowd of 30 to 35 on Easter Sunday.

Just up from Florida, the **Klondike VIII** will be sailing from New Rochelle on her first trip of the season on Saturday morning at 8AM.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds in** Huntington Station said that inside waters "busted loose" in the warm weather, and that the size of the fish was getting raves from the shoreline crowd as well. Some catches were as high as 50 fish for boat anglers who chummed mussels and baited with worms. Cold Spring Harbor, Lloyds and Duck Island Harbor were good spots in 8 to 15 feet of water, but there were even a few reports from Sand City in 20 feet on mud bottom.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport figured that Centerport Bridge was better than Northport and that most anglers were still fishing in waters that were too deep. A dock survey showed only one fish in the pail on Saturday's high tide even though 30 souls were out soaking up the sun's ray and fishing flatties.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson reported 3 to 4 skiffs fishing in the backwaters each day of the weekend. Fishing was in 8 to 10 feet of water in Setauket harbor with worms and fresh mussels. Chumming with mussel bellies or clam was **de rigeur**. Best haul of the day on Saturday was James Katsouros' 22 keepers and numerous throwbacks.

Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai expects to have 10 to 12 boats in the water by next weekend. Although a couple of flounder were taken off Roanoke, the deep harbors were still too cold. The action in the Narrows of Conscience Bay hadn't picked up yet either. Water at the surface of the harbor was already 44 degrees, but deep waters were much colder.

Tom Brady at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spoke of a three-man catch by Jim and Warren Paulsen and Steve Buthman in Port Jeff Harbor. These fish were taken with 3 to 4 bags of chum and the total score was 47 keepers.

NORTH FORK

There were some spotty reports as the season moved along and the open waters of the Peconics reached the mid-40s. Ed Kopack at **Warrens** in Aquebogue reported decent quantities of fish throughout the area with small fish in the mouth of the Peconic River and a few catches from the Greenport breakwater.

Marina boats sailed from the **Port of Egypt** and Phil Loria of **Captain Marty's** sent out a number of livery craft during the week as well. There was one unconfirmed report of a decent catch from a Peconic creek near Southold, but a pair of creeks in Cutchogue were dead on the high tide on Wednesday despite favorable conditions.

Nick Castoro and Bill Muller took a busman's holiday off Nassau Point on Easter Sunday and wound up with several nice flounder despite blustery south/southwest winds. Apparently, they were blown out long before the period of high slack water.

John Sinning expects a full array of bait at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport next weekend. He told us that the first sailings of the Greenport fleet are expected momentarily with Richie Jensen off the mark on April 6th and the **Nancy Ann** and Dave Brennan talking about an April 2nd (Wednesday) shot with the **Peconic Star**. The **Brand X** and the **Prime Time III** will begin in a couple of weeks.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Clear, sunny skies and warm temperatures over the weekend drew many anglers out of the house and down to local lakes and ponds. Most found the fish somewhat cooperative as they prepared for the upcoming freshwater trout opener on Tuesday. Remember, if you plan to do any freshwater fishing this season, you must first obtain a New York State Freshwater Fishing License. These may be purchased for a $9.50 fee at some tackle shops or at any town hall.

Carp fishing is pretty consistent in the Wantagh Mill Pond and crappies are biting well at north Twin Lake according to Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**. A few anglers are still treking out to Southard's Pond in Babylon to cash in on the hot catch and release pickerel action there. Most anglers are connecting with a fish or two but some have taken as many as five or six during the course of a morning or evening session. Bobby also mentioned that the shop has live killies in stock from time to time but they are not always available just yet.

From Mike Andreani of **Linden-Hurst Bait and Tackle**, we hear confirmation of the fine pickerel action at Southard's Pond. The most productive lure of late has been a black and gold Rapala. A few largemouth bass (must be released) are also mixing into the catches and anglers working night crawlers on the bottom are scoring well with big bullheads. For anglers looking to get in a parting shot or two at white perch, Mike told us that a few fish in the half to three quarter pound range are being taken from Bergen Creek behind the TSS store in Massapequa.

Tom Healy of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, relayed word that local kids have been doing real well fishing for catfish in Southard's Pond. Also, Paul Ripperger took an eighteen inch pickerel there this weekend.

Park manager Gil Bergen reports that plenty of fishermen worked the Connetquot River this week and the majority scored well. Quite a few rainbows and brown trout in the two to three pound range rewarded anglers working nymphs or very small streamers close to the bottom. Hot spots for the week included the Mill Tail and Main Pond. For anglers looking to catch a few native trout, the beats up above the hatchery have produced a fair number of nine to twelve inch fish.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, we learned that Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek are still giving up fair numbers of mostly small trout. Anglers working the Connetquot River State Park waters with black streamers or nymphs are scoring with one to two pound trout. Dick Arnoph stopped by early in the week to weigh in a 1.5 pound bullhead catfish which he took on a worm bait fished on the bottom in Southard's Pond.

According to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, freshwater fishing is still a little on the slow side but it's beginning to pick up a bit. Bill Barthelme used a white streamer to trick a 3.2 pound brown trout at Connetquot River State Park during the week and locally, kids are taking a few yellow perch and small pickerel from Patchogue's Mill Pond.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, termed the fishing out east "kind of slow" this week noting that the water is still a little cool. Frank Bleier of Islip Terrace took two bass on plastic worms in the River and Mike Jacobs used jigs to score with a few small bass in Forge Pond. Don Megner used jigs to take a few fat crappies from the pond.

From Hunter Mountain, New York, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief's Ski and Sport Shop** called to let us know that the water level on the Schoharie River is moderate and clarity is excellent due to the lack of rainfall over the past few weeks. With the warm temperatures of this past weekend heating up the water, Ken expects to see high scores on opening day. According to Ken, the Schoharie River is heavily stocked, underutlized, and should have a generous number of holdovers from last season as river and stream conditions over this winter were mostly moderate. Anglers heading up to the Hunter Mountain area, should look for nymphs, night crawlers and salted minnows to produce best in the early season.

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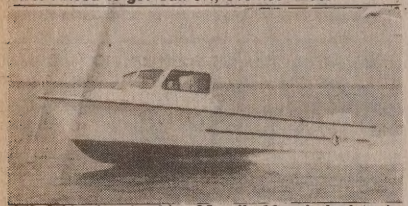

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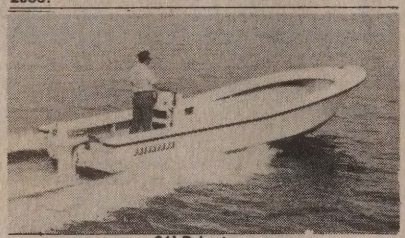

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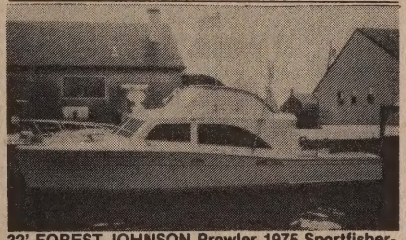

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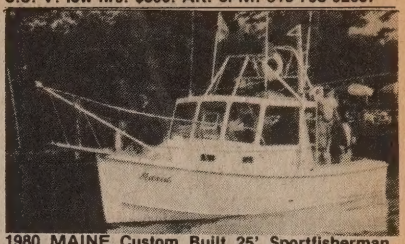

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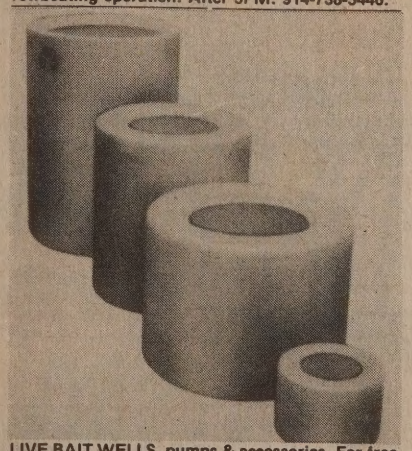

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High Tide Tables

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	2:45	3:30	3:40	4:20	3:25	4:10	4:25	5:15	7:05	7:45	6:20	7:00	2:45	3:20	4/3
FRI.	3:55	4:40	4:50	5:25	4:35	5:15	5:35	6:15	8:10	8:40	7:25	8:00	3:50	4:20	4/4
SAT.	4:55	5:30	5:55	6:20	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	9:05	9:30	8:25	8:50	4:45	5:10	4/5
SUN.	5:50	6:15	6:45	7:05	6:25	6:50	7:30	7:50	9:55	10:15	9:20	9:40	5:35	5:55	4/6
MON.	6:30	6:55	7:30	7:45	7:10	7:30	8:15	8:30	10:40	10:55	10:05	10:20	6:20	6:35	4/7
TUES.	7:15	7:30	8:10	8:25	7:50	8:10	8:50	9:05	11:20	11:30	10:45	10:55	7:00	7:15	4/8
WED.	7:50	8:05	8:45	9:00	8:30	8:45	9:25	9:40	11:55	—	11:25	11:35	7:40	7:55	4/9
THURS.	8:25	8:40	9:20	9:30	9:05	9:20	10:05	10:15	12:05	12:30	—	12:00	8:20	8:35	4/10

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+4:03
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/3	5:38	6:28
FRI. 4/4	5:37	6:29
SAT. 4/5	5:36	6:30
SUN. 4/6	5:35	6:31
MON. 4/7	5:34	6:32
TUE. 4/8	5:32	6:33
WED. 4/9	5:30	6:34

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/3	3:10AM	12:28PM
FRI. 4/4	3:45AM	1:40PM
SAT. 4/5	4:14AM	2:49PM
SUN. 4/6	4:38AM	3:56PM
MON. 4/7	5:00AM	5:00PM
TUE. 4/8	5:20AM	6:03PM
WED. 4/9	5:40AM	7:06PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/10	3/18	3/26	4/1

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	12:20	6:30	12:40	7:00
Fri.	1:15	7:20	1:30	7:45
Sat.	2:00	8:05	2:15	8:30
Sun.	2:45	8:50	3:00	9:10
Mon.	3:25	9:30	3:40	9:50
Tues.	4:05	10:05	4:15	10:25
Wed.	4:40	10:45	4:55	11:05
Thurs.	5:20	11:30	5:40	11:50

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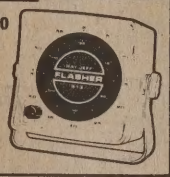

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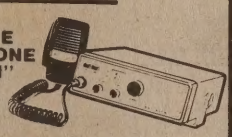

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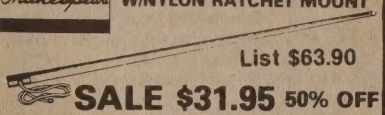

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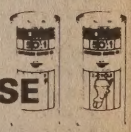

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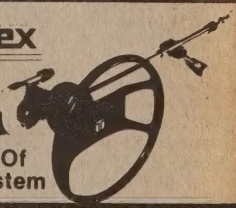

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